



# Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

*The Episcopal Church in Wilson County*

## Holy Eucharist Rite II The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 2020

**Hymn 594** *God of grace and God of glory*

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

### Opening Sentences

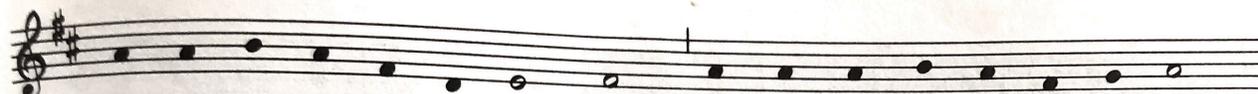
**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

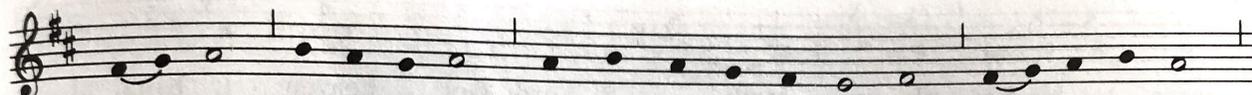
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Canticle 20  
 Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

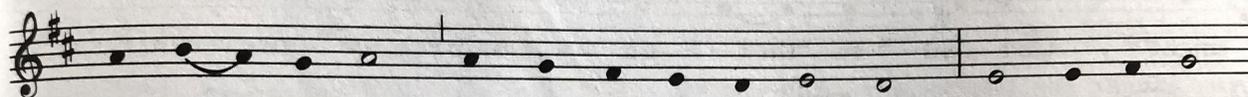
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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



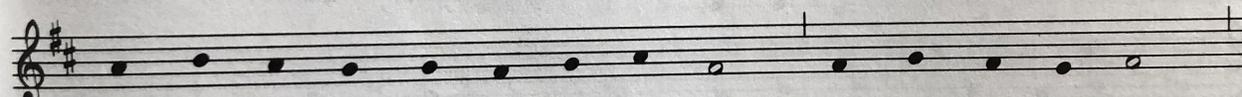
2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



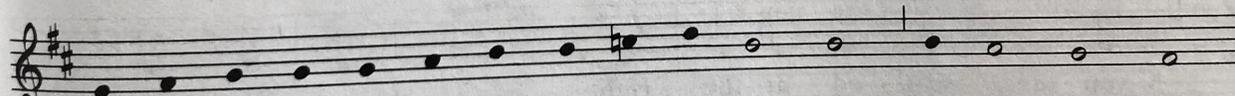
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



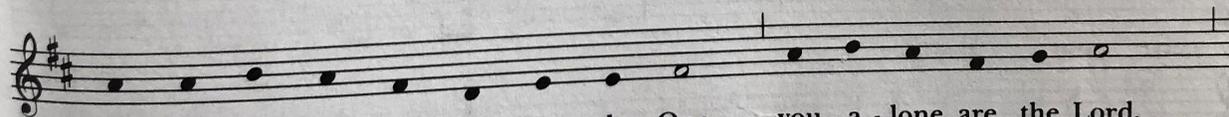
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



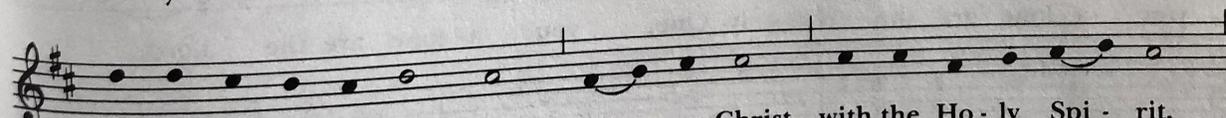
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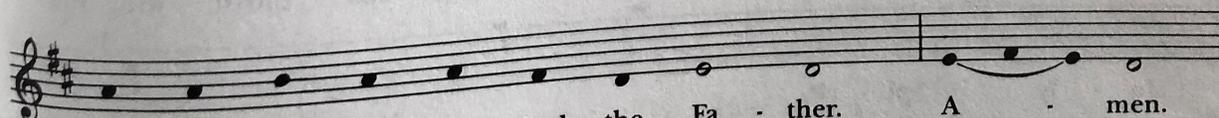
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Gloria** (*Hymnal S 277*)

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.

**People:**        **And also with you.**

Celebrant:      Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**A Reading from the Book of Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader       The Word of the Lord  
People        **Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 145:8-15**

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.  
10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;  
12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.  
15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

### **A Reading from Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader       The Word of the Lord  
People        **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 490** *I want to walk as a child of the light*

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God sent the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus (Refrain)

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

**People**        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**        **Praise to you Lord Christ**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People Form 1**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For our Bishop, John, our Priest, Cynthia, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For our President, Donald, for the leaders of the nations, for Congress and the Courts, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For this city of Lebanon, for Wilson County, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For a speedy end to the COVID19 pandemic and for increased justice for all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For those on our prayer list including \_\_\_\_\_ (on last page), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_ let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect for our Country (BCP 820).*

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**People:** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

*We give to God our offerings as an act of love and as an acknowledgment that everything comes from God.*

*One can give online, at  
<https://tinyurl.com/GivetoChurchoftheEpiphany>  
Text EDTN Epiphany to 73256.  
Or mail a check to  
Episcopal Church of the Epiphany,  
1500 Hickory Ridge Rd,  
Lebanon, TN 37087*

### **Hymn 608** *Eternal Father, strong to save*

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,  
thy children shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

**Celebrant:** All things come of thee Oh Lord  
**People:** **And of thine own have we given thee.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (BCP 367B)**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S 125**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*For those watching from home because of the Coronavirus Pandemic*

**An Act of Spiritual Communion** *(Read in Unison)*

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

**Communion Music** *Seek Ye First and Battle Hymn Medley* by Kenny Daniel, Dulcimer

**Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 599** *Lift Every Voice And Sing*

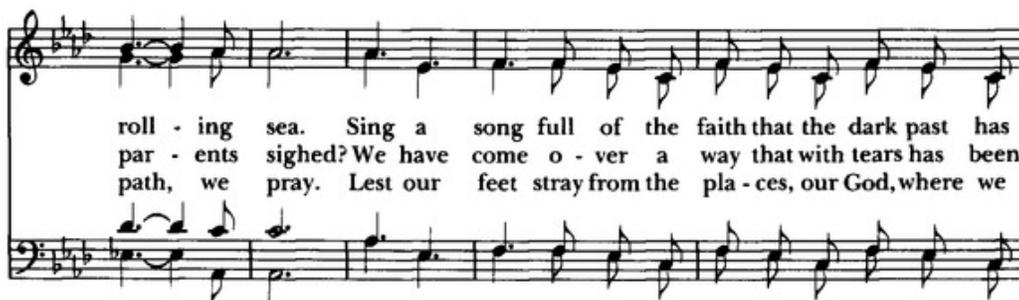
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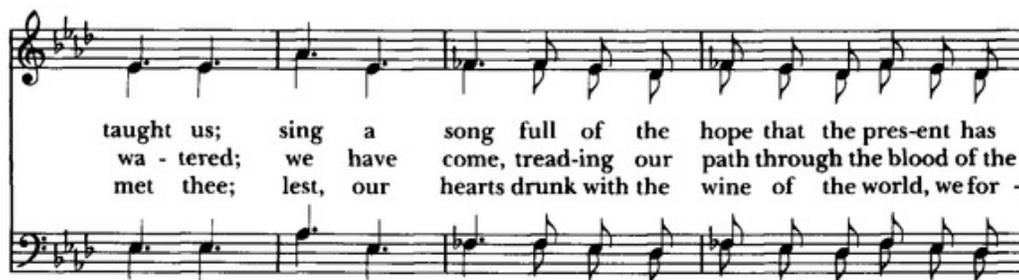
1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod, felt in the  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise  
 days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,  
 brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

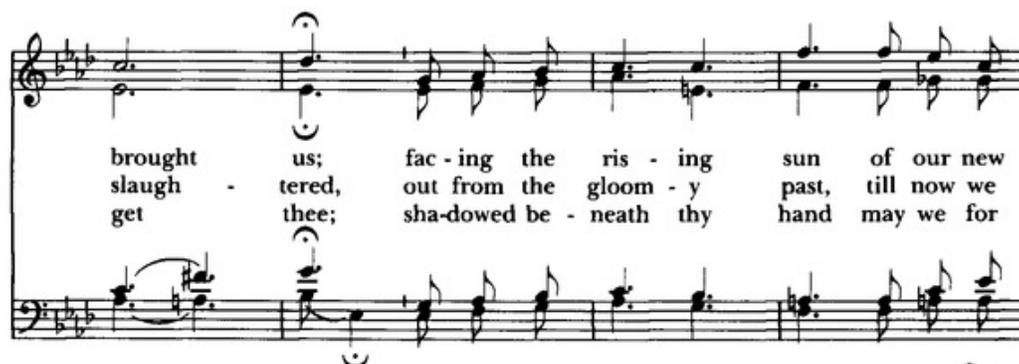
high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the  
 have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our  
 led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the



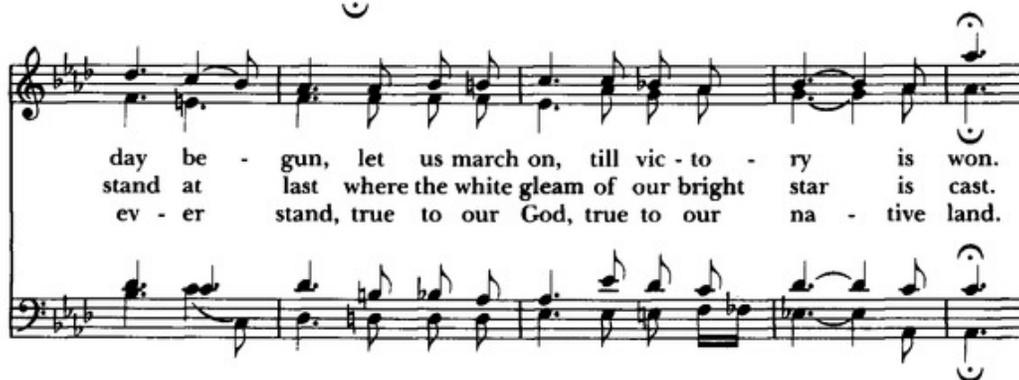
roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has  
par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been  
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we



taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres-ent has  
wa - tered; we have come, tread-ing our path through the blood of the  
met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new  
slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we  
get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for



day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Music: *Lift Every Voice*, J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

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## The Dismissal

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

## Epiphany Prayer List

### Members of the Congregation:

Craig Thompson, Susan Roberts, Linda Jones, Jim Bevis, Kathy Lowery, Donna Eckert, Bernice Blankenship.

### Friends and Loved Ones:

Claudette Morrison (Amelia Hipp's mother)  
Sharon Dauberman (Donna Eckert's sister)  
James Ieschak (Chrissy Gipson's Dad)  
Betty Kirk (Lebanon Care Center)  
Teresa Hyatt (Craig's sister, stroke recovery)  
Steve Agee (Jim Bevis' nephew with cancer)  
Dev (Mary Lou's friend)  
David Glenn (mystery illness, now hospitalized)  
Linda Samand and Barbara Anderson (Ron Schneider's sisters)  
Barbara Blair (Carrie's contact in cancer treatment)  
Tyler and Cat Samuel (Rev. C's friends in Nashville)  
Spencer Pope (Pace's son, heart issues)

We pray for those having birthdays this month: Betty C (7/30), Linda J (7/10), Cindy K (7/30), Judy P (7/11), Pat R, (7/12), Evelyn (7/6).

For all those in military service and their families, especially,

**Jonathan** McBrien (Mary Lou's grandson, in Texas, Air Rescue Medic)

**Trevor** Sanders (Beth Sander's son, Navy in Italy)

**Malerie** Bell (The Gipson's niece, Coast Guard, Cape May, New Jersey)

**Sean** Vogel (Kathy Vogel's son, Air Force, Colorado)

**Samantha** Agee (member of St. Anselm's Nashville, Army Colonel, South Korea)

**Dalton** Ogdon (Linda Jones' grandson, Army Reserve Training)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle.

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## **Worship Participants**

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Cynthia L Seifert

Organist: Mr. James Jordan

Reader: Del Rapp

Intercessor: Yolande Watson

### **Members of the Vestry**

Nancy Rice, Senior Warden

Rodney Beason, Junior Warden

Susan Johnston, Clerk

Asa Helton

Carrie Johnson

Amelia Hipps

Kitty Waters

Phyllis Johnson, Treasurer