



St. Martin's Church

To seek God, and be Christ's body in the world.

February 4, 2018—10:00 a.m.—Rite II

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany: *Journey To Light*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mark Hayes

OPENING HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #135 "*Songs of thankfulness and praise*"

Salzburg

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Let us pray together. *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.*

GLORIA: The 1982 Hymnal (*see insert*) #S-277

David Hurd

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 147:1-12, 21c

(The congregation will alternate verses with the reader)

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.
- 21 Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #538 (vs 1) "God of mercy, God of grace"

Lucerna Laudoniae

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the

neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

REPRISE HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #538 (vs 2) *“God of mercy, God of grace”* *Lucerna Laudoniae*

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Chris Bishop

Please stand or kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(BCP Form V, pgs. 389-391)

Reader: Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us. Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word. In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Reader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Daniel* our Diocesan Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who live and work in this community, and for a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially uplift all those who are in need, or who are suffering grief or loss this day, including those in this community, especially Denis, Bill, Tom, Kay, Kris, Joan, Anne, Julie, Barbara, Sandra, Dolores, Cecilia, Chris, Renee, Kenneth, and Rita. (*People may add their own petitions.*), and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For this congregation, for those that are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Maxwell, Florance, Elizabeth, and Betty, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: We pray for our friends at Christ Church, Ithaca and their ministries and priest, Fr. John Sosnowski. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Cathedral Chapter and in the Diocese of Guatemala we pray for Iglesia Epsicopal San Esteban (St. Stephen's Church), Mariscos, Izabal, The Rev. Ruben Matute. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Rev. Martin Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi and Bishop of Makamba, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Martin and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: *To you, O Lord our God.*

Reader: We now ask for your own petitions of supplication and thanksgiving either silently or aloud. *Silence*

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us now confess our sins before God and one another beginning with a moment of silent reflection.

Please kneel as you are able.

CONFESSION *(said by all)*

(Book of Common Prayer)

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.

ABSOLUTION

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. **People:** *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: LEVAS #68 "I've Decided to Make Jesus My Choice"

Harris Johnson

PRESENTATION HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #380 (vs 3) "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Eucharistic Prayer C (page 369)

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: The 1982 Hymnal (see insert) #S-125 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Richard Proulx

Those who are able, please stand or kneel.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Celebrant and People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM: The 1982 Hymnal #S-163 (see insert) *“Lamb of God: Agnus Dei”* Robert Powell

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

All those who hunger for God are welcome to come forward for the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC:

Andante

Schubert

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (said by all)

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

BLESSING

Celebrant: May God the Father, who led the Magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. *People: Amen.*

Celebrant: May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *People: Amen.*

Celebrant: May God the Holy Spirit who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *People: Amen.*

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *People: Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #423 *“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”*

St. Denio

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go in peace!

People: We go into the world to walk in God’s light, to rejoice in God’s love and to reflect God’s glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

Praise, My Soul, The Kingdom of Heaven

James Manfield

WELCOME

—— Thank you for worshipping with us today! ——

WELCOME

Please be sure to fill out our welcome card in the pew, put it in the collection plate, and introduce yourself to Chris, our Rector, or any member of the congregation. We’d love to know you! Kindly sign our guest book and join us for coffee hour after the 10am service.

May God’s love fill you as you begin a new week!

WE PRAY TODAY

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel our Bishop; for Chris our Rector; for Donald, our President; for Tom, our Governor and for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Denis, Bill, Tom, Kay, Kris, Joan, Anne, Julie, Barbara, Sandra, Dolores, Cecilia, Chris, Renee, Kenneth, and Rita.

WE GIVE THANKS

For all those celebrating birthdays this month,
especially *Sarah DaCosta and Helen Myers.*

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those who have died, especially *Maxwell and Florance Scott, Elizabeth Gwinn, and Betty Barr.*

<u>SERVING TODAY</u>			
Altar Guild:	Gale Muir, Barbara Pettit, Sarah Rittenhouse	10am Music:	Emily Watkins SMC Choir
Bread Baker:	Kathy Wynn	Altar Flowers:	Bev Reinhardt
	8:00 am	10:00 am	Coffee Hour: CHILI COOK-OFF
Ushers:	Mike Fahner	John Hayes, Monty Harris	
Reader/Chalice/Acolyte:	Alexa Fahner	Matt Wynn	



Ashes will be distributed during the 12:15pm and 7pm Holy Eucharist services on Wednesday, February 14th (yes, Valentine's Day).

“Journey to Jerusalem” Lenten Worship Dinner Schedule			
WEEK	DATE/TIME/LOCATION	THEMES	
		GENERAL	CULINARY
1	February 21st, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	The Bible	Lamb & Passover Items
2	February 28th, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Baptism	Water-Based Soups
3	March 7th, 6:00pm Christ Church, Ithan	Eucharist	Food of the Holy Land
4	March 14th, 6:00pm Christ Church, Ithan	Prayer	Olive-Themed Recipes
5	March 21st, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Discipleship	Family Favorites

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CALENDAR

TODAY

2/4– 8 & 10am: Holy Eucharist 9am: Choir Rehearsal
9:30am: Sunday School 11:15am: Chili Cook-Off/Souper Bowl Sunday

THIS WEEK

2/6– 5:30pm: Worship Planning Meeting
2/7– 10am: Staff Meeting 12:15pm: Holy Eucharist
7pm: Bible Study at Christ Church, Ithan /AA Meeting

UPCOMING

2/11– 8 & 10am: Holy Eucharist 9am: Choir Rehearsal
9:30am: Sunday School
2/14– **ASH WEDNESDAY** 12:15pm: Holy Eucharist with ashes
7pm: Holy Eucharist with ashes

THIS WEEK AT BOLINGBROKE

Monday, 2/5– 10am OEA
8pm Counterparts Singers
Friday, 2/9– 10am AA

BIBLE STUDY

Approaching
the
GOSPELS
Together

Join members of St. Martin's and Christ Church, Ithan as the exploration of the Gospels continues during Bible Study at Christ Church, Ithan on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Weekly attendance is encouraged, yet not required. Dropping in any week is sure to provide a learning experience and spiritual connectedness.

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