

# Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

## February 7, 2021

**Theme:** Jesus was busy healing and teaching throughout the countryside. When a Roman centurion asked for Jesus' help, it took Jesus by surprise.

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Your word is a lamp to our feet.

**Show our feet where the righteous walk. Protect us from evil and prod us to fight for justice. Guide us past temptation and inspire us to help someone in need.**

Your word is a light to our path.

**Light the path when we walk alone through dark alleys, empty parking lots and deserted streets.**

O Lord, you are the giver of life.

**Give us life when misery dulls our souls. Give us life when sorrow swallows hope. Give us life when we are persecuted and afflicted.**

Accept our offerings of praise, O Lord.

**Praise the Lord: Lamp to our feet, Light to our path, Giver of life! Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

**Lord I lift Your name on high. Lord I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord I lift Your name on high.**

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Holy God, You rewarded the faith of a Roman centurion who feared and trusted you. May we have the same unshakable faith in your mercy and ability to heal all that prevents us from serving you, for the sake of Jesus. Amen**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Allegro Moderato for Two Cellos*

Faure

Cello: Ray Irwin; Cello: Lonnie Timney

### FIRST READING:

Psalm 119: 105-112

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL:

Luke 7:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

### SERMON HYMN

*O God of Light*

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O God of light, your word, a lamp unailing, shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way and show your grace, your plan for us unveiling, and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

From days of old, through blind and willful ages, though we rebelled, you gently sought again, and spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages, who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.

Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing to sinful hearts your justice and your grace; and questing spirits, longing for your healing, see your compassion in the Savior's face.

To all the world your summons you are sending, through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race, that myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending, may praise and celebrate your gift of grace.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Healing God, **Hear our prayer**

Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

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Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. God is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE