

Worshipping together is a principal part of Christian life. In adoration and with thankful hearts, we encounter the Living God in prayer, scripture reading, sermon, hymns, and the Holy Communion that form the liturgy. It is through this shared experience of worship, repentance, statement of belief, and sharing God's love that we are formed to do the work God has given us to do.



**Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Holy Communion
February 5, 2023**

GATHERING MUSIC

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope (Repeat Chorus)*

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus (Repeat)

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope

Oh God You are my living hope

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Oh My Soul

Verse 1

Father of mercy

King of all kings

Even in darkness

I will sing I will sing

Pre-Chorus

('Cause) (Now) I've been set free

Running out of the grave

Set free all my sin washed away

Set free breaking out of the chains

And I'm alive

Chorus

Oh my soul lift up the name

Of the One who saves

He reigns forever

Oh my soul lift up Your praise

I will rise and bless the Lord

Interlude

Oh my soul, Oh my soul

Oh my soul, Oh my soul

Verse 2

High as the heavens

Deep as the sea

How great Your love

That rescued me rescued me

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

I will sing Your goodness

I will sing Your grace

I will love You all my days all my days (repeat)

Chorus

Ending

Oh my soul, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, Oh my soul

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Stand

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymn 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise
Jesus , Lord, to thee we raise
manifested by the star
to the sages from far
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem
anthems be to thee addressed
God in man made manifest

Manifest at Jordan's stream
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme
and at Cana, wedding guest
in thy God head manifest
manifest in power divine
changing water into wine
anthems be to the addressed
God in man made manifest

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul
manifest in valiant fight
quelling all the devil's might
manifest in gracious will
ever bringing good from ill
anthems be to the addressed
God in man made manifest

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), Jakob Hintz (1622-1702)

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus (twice)

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge (twice)
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,
People **That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY [*Collect: a brief prayer*]

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

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.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.
Matthew 22:37-40

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion, that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
* The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
* my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.
³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;

* though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
* to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
* he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
* and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
* be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ You have said, "Seek my face."
* My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
* O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
* but the LORD will take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, * and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
* for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
* in the land of the living!

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
* be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD! (ESV)

[This reading is from a New Testament letter (epistle) to the Church.]

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2:1-16)

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are

doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ. (ESV)

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

stand

[*We stand for the Gospel (Good News) reading to show reverence to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Hope of our Salvation.*]

Reader The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:13-20)
People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (ESV)

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

THE SERMON...The Rev. Canon Dr. Herb Hand

You are Salt and Light (sermon outline)

I. I Love Salt!

II. You are the Salt of the Earth

1. Salt was associated with purity. It is clean, white, and sparkly.
2. Everyone understood that salt was the most common preservative.
3. Everyone knew from personal experience that salt added flavor to their food.

“You are the salt of the earth . . .” – Matthew 5:13

Useless Salt

“. . . but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.” – Matthew 5:13

III. You are the Light of the World!

1. Light was something meant to be seen.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” – Matthew 5:16

8th Street Mission for Jesus Christ Meals

2. In the first century, everyone knew that light guided people.

The Pharos of Alexandria

“You are the light of the world” – Matthew 5:14

Headlights

IV. Salty and Light-Filled People

“A disciple of the kingdom who does not live like a disciple of the kingdom is worth about as much as tasteless salt and invisible light.” – Craig Keener

Steve Barrett – Salt and Light to Me

You are Salt and Light!

(Stand)

THE NICENE CREED [*Creed: We believe, Recited by Christians since AD 325*]

On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ACNA [*We pray for the needs of the world and God's people.*]

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

The people may voice their prayers.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Frank, our Assisting Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

The people may voice their prayers.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

The people may voice their prayers.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

The people may voice their prayers.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service [especially_____].

The people may voice their prayers.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____].

The people may voice their prayers.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially_____], in thanksgiving let us pray.

The people may voice their prayers.

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your spirit, that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN *[In preparation to receive Christ in the Holy Communion, we confess our sins, receive forgiveness (absolution), and offer peace to one another.]*

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE *[Sharing Christ's love and our reconciliation with one another.]*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY [*With thanksgiving, we return to God a portion of what He has graciously given us as an act of worship.*]

Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant make me a servant
Make me a servant today

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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS ~ The Doxology [*Praise*]

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 *Amen*

THE HOLY COMMUNION [*With thanksgiving, we come to the altar-table entering into mystical union with God and His people.*]

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

THE SURSUM CORDA [*Lift up your hearts.*]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface (pages 152-158) is normally sung or said

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

SANCTUS [*Holy*]

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

**In the name of the Lord
Blessed is he who comes in the name
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna in the Highest**

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION [*Salvation history, Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and invocation of the Holy Spirit.*]

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER [A prayer from Scripture encompassing all our daily needs.]

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

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.

THE FRACTION [The Breaking, symbolizing Christ's Body broken for us.]

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the Cross.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

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 Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body and Blood of Christ.

Our Father

Verse

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be Your Name

Your kingdom come quickly

Your will be done the same

Chorus

On earth as it is in heaven

Let heaven come to

Earth as it is in heaven

Let heaven come

Interlude

Let heaven come let heaven come

Let heaven come let heaven come

Bridge

Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power

Yours is the glory forever amen

(Vamp bridge)

Give Thanks

Chorus

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son*

Verse

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us *Chorus*

Verse

Ending

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

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Celebrant Let us pray.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymn 460

Verse 1

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Verse 2

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Verse 3

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

THE DISMISSAL

The celebrant dismisses the people

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Today's Team

Chalice: Ron Kirby

Reader: Noland Pipes

Prayers: Mary Pipes

Altar: Beth Laquinta

Counters: Karl Badgett, William Hearne

Oblationists: Danne Parham, Sherry Wilkes

Ushers: Bill and Sudy Fisher

Children's Worship: Jessica Hearne

Acolyte: Mackenzie Hearne

Faith News and Notes

Sermon Series...Good News for the Nations!

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| • Good News for the Nations! (Matthew 2:1-12) | January | 8 |
| • Holy Baptism Commissions us for Ministry (Matthew 3:3-17) | January | 15 |
| • Shining Your Light in the Darkness (Matthew 4:12-22) | January | 22 |
| • Blessed are the Persecuted (Matthew 5:1-12) | January | 29 |
| • You are Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-20) | February | 5 |
| • Laborers into His Harvest (Matthew 9:35-38) | February | 12 |

First Sunday...This being the first Sunday of the month, the loose plate offering goes into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Checks for the "Discretionary Fund" must be noted so.

The Daughters of the Holy Cross...will meet Saturday, February 11th, at 10:30.

World Mission Sunday...is next Sunday, February 12th. This day offers us, as a Province, a chance to consider what each of us can do to advance the Kingdom of Christ around the world. Abp. Foley Beach, Anglican Church in North America.

Confirmation Classes for Adults and Teens: A Mature Commitment...Confirmation classes are for those adults and teens (9th grade and older) who would like to go a step further in their walk with Christ and make – what the Catechism calls – “a mature commitment to [your] baptismal covenant with God” and become Confirmed members. Those wishing to reaffirm their faith are also encouraged to attend!

Confirmation classes begin February 19th. To be confirmed, you will need to attend the nine week class on Sunday mornings in the Children’s Ministry Center at 8:50 a.m. (February 19 – April 23rd), meet with our bishop on Confirmation Sunday, May 28th and be prayed for by the bishop in the Confirmation service. Students in ninth grade and older will also need to attend a Youth Confirmation Workshop. If you are interested, please call the church office (755-4848) to sign up or email Fr. Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. If you have questions please contact Fr. Herb.

First Sunday Testimony Time...Christian Testimony is simply testifying to what God has been doing in your life. If you have a testimony, please share briefly during the announcement time, to encourage and strengthen your brothers and sisters in Christ. The Bible tells us, “They overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their *testimony*...” (Revelation 12:11).

Please pray for...the healing of Mansell Lancaster, Bill Walsh, John White, Janie Beth Covington, Eli Ritchie, Jim Lancaster, Mary Ellen Bryan, Stan Bond, Lynn Whyte, and Margie Scott. Please pray for Foley, our archbishop, Frank, our assisting bishop, Herb, and Noland, our priests, and the lay leaders of this parish. Through the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and clergy of Good Shepherd Anglican Fellowship, Jasper, AL, asking you Lord to bless and strengthen their ministry and fellowship to be good witnesses for Jesus Christ. Amen

Faith Anglican Church Zoom Meetings You Can Join

Sunday Morning Class...at 9:00 am. “A wonderful book by Bob Sorge, *Secrets of the Secret Place*, will be read and discussed in class. The book is written in small chapters and is a deeply insightful work into how we may become more intimate with God. Please come and let’s find our way there together. 9:10-9:45 in the adult classroom by the nursery.” *Books provided!* You can join in person or with Zoom. Contact Rita Barnett at 482-9856 or rhwbarnett@bellsouth.net.

Sunday Morning Youth Class...Meets at 9:00 am in the Youth and Family Room.

Ladies Bible Studies...began again the second week of January. The Monday evening zoom study began January 9 at 7:00pm. The Tuesday morning study began at 10:00 am on January 10. Contact Sudy Fisher if you have any questions.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study...at 8:00 am. Contact Bill Fisher at 901-604-6454 or wmfisher@bellsouth.net