



# ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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***MORNING WORSHIP***

**Epiphany 5**

Led by the Rev. Dr David Gill

Preacher: The Rev. Dr Daniel Dries  
Rector of Christ Church St Laurence

# ***The Gathering of the People of God***

## **Organ Prelude**

*Prelude No. III from 6 Preludes and Postludes op. 105*

Charles V. Stanford (1852 - 1924)

*Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy and remain standing for the...*

## **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

## **Call to Worship**

**Hymn 143**      *Immortal, invisible*      (St Denio)

## **Prayers of Approach and Confession**

# Declaration of Forgiveness

...This is the Gospel.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Doxology 118

*To you, almighty God*

(Croft's 136<sup>th</sup>)



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: "To you, al - migh - ty God, be end - less ho - nours done. The". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "un - di - vid - ed Three, and the mys - ter - ious One: where". The third staff concludes the piece with lyrics: "rea - son fails with all her powers, there faith pre - vails, and love a - dores." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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## Passing of the Peace

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

# ***The Service of the Word***

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:

**A light to our path.**

## **First Reading**

*Isaiah 40:21-31*

**21** 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? **22** 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; **23** who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. **24** 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. **25** To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. **26** 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. **27** 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"? **28** 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. **29** He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. **30** Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; **31** 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.

## **Hymn 91**

*Praise now the Lord*

(T.98 Church Triumphant)

*(paraphrase of Ps 147)*

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

**16** 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! **17** 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. **18** 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. **19** 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. **20** 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. **21** 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. **22** 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. **23** I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

## Anthem

### *A Gaelic Blessing*

*Music: John Rutter (1945 - )*

*Text: Adapted from an old Gaelic rune*

Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you  
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ  
The light of the world to you  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

## Gospel Reading

*St Mark 1:29-39*

**29** As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. **30** Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. **31** He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. **32** That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. **33** And the whole city was gathered around the door. **34** 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. **35** In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. **36** And Simon and his companions hunted for him. **37** When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." **38** He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." **39** And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

May your word live in us: **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

## Hymn 585

*I heard the voice of Jesus say*

(Kingsfold)

## Sermon

## Hymn 626

*Lord of creation* (Slane)

## Concerns of the Church

## Prayers of the People

*We stand to sing...*

# The Lord's Prayer

Albert H Malotte

Lento, religioso

Our Fa - ther, \_\_\_\_\_ which art in heav - en \_\_\_\_\_  
*pp*

Hal-low-ed be \_\_\_\_\_ thy name \_\_\_\_\_ Thy king-dom come.  
*p*

Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heav - en \_\_\_\_\_  
*mp* *p*

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our  
*pp* *p*

tres-pass - es As we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us.

And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion; But de-  
*mp*

liv - er us from e - vil: For thine is the king - dom, \_\_\_\_\_ and the  
*mf* *f*

pow - er, \_\_\_\_\_ and the glo - ry, \_\_\_\_\_ for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
*ff*

\_\_\_\_\_ A - men. \_\_\_\_\_  
*f* *mf* *p* *pp*

## Offering

## Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering.*

# ***The Sending Forth of the People of God***

**Hymn 209**      *And can it be*    (Sagina)

## Blessing

... and remain with you always.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**

## Threefold Amen

## Organ Postlude

*Toccata on 'Amazing Grace'*  
Christopher Pardini (1973 - )

Adapted from *Uniting in Worship 2* (2005)  
Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)