



“Christians Have Difficult Lives”

Epiphany 5
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DIVINE SERVICE RITE 1 – PAGE 41

The Divine Service Rite 1 is based on the order of service compiled by Rev. Johannes Bugenhagen. Bugenhagen was Martin Luther's pastor and played a vital role in the Reformation. In this service, we begin and end in prayer, we confess our sins and are forgiven, we hear God's Word read and preached, and we receive Christ's body and blood in Holy Communion. Throughout the service, the congregation participates with songs of response and praise.

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OPENING HYMN *"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" | #210*

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The Word

EPISTLE LESSON *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it. Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

GOPEL LESSON *Mark 1:29-39*

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but

he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!” Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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SERMON HYMN

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” | #209 (TLH Tune 345)

SERMON

Job 7:1-7

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“Does not man have hard service on earth? Are not his days like those of a hired man? Like a slave longing for the evening shadows, or a hired man waiting eagerly for his wages, so I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of misery have been assigned to me. When I lie down I think, ‘How long before I get up?’ The night drags on, and I toss till dawn. My body is clothed with worms and scabs, my skin is broken and festering. My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and they come to an end without hope. Remember, O God, that my life is but a breath; my eyes will never see happiness again.”

OFFERING

The offering is given by the members of King of Grace as a fruit of faith to thank God for how He provides for our earthly needs daily and richly. If you are visiting us today, please do not feel compelled to participate.

PRAYERS

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We desire to have all commune with us at the Lord's Table. However, since Scripture encourages us to 'recognize the body and blood of the Lord', 'examine ourselves', and join together as 'one body', we ask our visitors to allow us the opportunity to share our beliefs before joining us in this act of fellowship. By this practice we are in no way judging your



personal faith in Jesus. We look forward to sharing our beliefs with you so that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord's Table. We are happy to have you worship with us!

THE PREFACE AND SANCTUS

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LORD'S PRAYER, INSTITUTION, AND LAMB OF GOD

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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" #205

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" #206

***Personal Prayer for After Holy Communion:** Merciful Redeemer, you have fulfilled your promises. At Your Table I have received nourishment for my soul. You have wiped away my sins and have put on me the garments of Your righteousness. Let this Sacrament be in me a power overcoming unbelief and doubt, conquering temptations and evil desires, and enabling me to live according to Your will. Having been a guest at Your Table, help me to share the Bread of Life with others, that they too may share in my joy and happiness. To You, and the Father, and the Holy Spirit be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

BENEDICTION

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