

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 147:1-11, 20c

L. Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

**All. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

L. The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

**All. The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

L. Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

**All. The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

L. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

**All. who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

L. God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.

**All. God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

L. but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love.

All. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

All. Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection

P. Holy God,

All. you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

Forgive us, gracious God,

for all we have done and left undone.

Even before the words are on our tongues,

You know them;

receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

P. How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,

we are called to be the beloved community

living out Christ's justice

and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

All. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:21-31

²¹Have 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?

²²It 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;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁸Have 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.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but 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.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a

deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He 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." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

MESSAGE

MUSIC: *On Eagle's Wings* ELW #787 Tom Ersland

- 1 *You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"*

REFRAIN *And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

- 2 *The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. REFRAIN*

- 3 *You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. REFRAIN*

- 4 *For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

FINAL REFRAIN *And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand; and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.*

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS – SHARING OF PEACE

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

P. God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✚
keep you in peace.

All. Amen.

L. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

All. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

Sun/Feb 7 7:00 AA

Thu/Feb 11 7:00 AA

LOOKING FORWARD

Wed/Feb 17 ASH WEDNESDAY ✚ Worship will be Pre-Recorded and available Online early in the day. There will be Drive-By Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion during the hours of: 11 – Noon and 5 – 6 pm.

NEED ENVELOPES? STATEMENTS?

For 2021 ENVELOPES &/or 2020 GIVING STATEMENTS - CALL the church office weekday mornings to get in the church.

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Worship Bulletin



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