

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Lect 4 B



The LORD heals the
brokenhearted
and binds up
their wounds
Ps. 147:3

RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of
God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always
loved you. We have wounded one
another and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy
Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember
your covenant. Renew your creation.
Restore us, that we might proclaim your
good news to all. Amen.**

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken: The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, our sins
are forgiven. We are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

HYMN: Praise to the Lord the Almighty No. 858

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?**
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.**
- 4 **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

Please be seated for the Readings

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:25-31

The creator of all cares for the powerless

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. 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.

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"? 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. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 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. WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 147:1-11, 20c *We read responsively*

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

C: The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

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

C: 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.

C: 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,

C: who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up on the mountains.

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

C: 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.

C: Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

A servant for the sake of the gospel

¹⁶If 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! ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win

more of them. ²⁰To 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. ²¹To 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. ²²To 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. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung* [Stg 4]

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MARK 1:29-39

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

The healing of Peter's mother-in-law

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.

P. THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD.

C. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE: *Pastor Kris Ferkin*

HYMN:

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness No. 843

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

APOSTLES 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 ever-lasting. Amen.

PRAYERS P: God of grace,
C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING--OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
C: **Meet us at this table, that we receive
what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table is ready. Come and See.

DISTRIBUTION—&— HYMN

We Come to You for Healing Lord No. 617

- 1 We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.
- 2 As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, come, risen Christ, among us still with pow'r to heal again.
- 3 You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
- 4 When nights are long with wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.
- 5 We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
C: **Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Arise Your Light Has Come No. 314

- 1 **Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**
- 2 **Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**
- 3 **Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**
- 4 **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.**

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN 2/4	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP-5 after Epiphany Sunday School Coffee
TUE 2/6	5:30 PM	Worsh/Evang
WED 2/7	6 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	WED WORSHIP Confirmation EdYou
SAT 2/10	8-11 AM 12 PM	KW Choir Waffle Fundraiser Lila Cole Celebration of Life
THU 2/8	1 PM 7 PM	LOVE DAY AA
SUN 2/11	9 AM 10 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP-Transfiguration Sunday School Coffee