

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

11 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE II

Prelude

Opening Acclamation 351 (prayer book)

Opening Hymn *Father we praise thee* 1 (hymnal)

Confession 352 (prayer book)

Gloria S202 (hymnal)

Collect of the Day 216 (prayer book)

I reading— Isaiah 40:21-31

Reader: A reading from Isaiah

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?

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;

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

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.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 147:1-12, 21

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

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

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

He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

Hallelujah!

II reading—1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Reader: A reading from First Corinthians.

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! 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. 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.

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. 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. 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. 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. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel—Mark 1:29-39

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

People: Glory to you, O Christ

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

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. 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. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He 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." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

The Nicene Creed

358 (prayer book)

Prayers of the People

Anthem

God of mercy God of grace

538 (hymnal)

The Lord's Prayer

364 (prayer book)

The Peace

360 (prayer book)

The Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and

the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Sing praise of God who reigns above

408 (hymnal)

Dismissal

366 (prayer book)

Postlude

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Father.

Merciful God, we pray for ourselves and all Christians, that we may be a royal priesthood, a holy people, to the praise of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Silence

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe, our Rector Cathy, and for all bishops and other ministers, that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

Silence

We pray for children and young people and for all who are new in the Faith. Direct and guide them in the way that leads to you.

Silence

We pray for those who bear the responsibility of government in this and every nation, that your people may rejoice in your gifts of true justice and peace.

Silence

We pray for the people of this community, asking that you will show your mercy to them all. In our family cycle of prayer we pray for Carolyn Smith, Connie Taft, and Agnes Morgan.

Silence

We pray for all who are sick or in any other kind of trouble, and those who have asked for our prayers, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jayce Diaz, John Bedard, Merle Geisler, Jason, Bill, Steven, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, Eugene and those we now name, silently or aloud.

Silence

... that you will deliver them and keep them in your love.

We pray for the victims of sin and those who minister to them, that you will be their help and defense.

Silence

We pray that we may all be strengthened in our faith, our love and our service.

Silence

We pray for the departed especially Linda Savacool, David Gentry, Garth Foster, mother of Andy Spitler and

those we now name, silently or aloud.

Silence

...commending them to your eternal love.

Please add your own thanksgivings and petitions, silently or aloud.

Silence

We commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant may add a concluding collect.



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