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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

+ Service of Holy Communion +
9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus says, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." His ministry and mission for this world was one for all people. Even as Jesus early on in His earthly ministry heals people, including Simon's mother-in-law, so He comes to us still with healing through the forgiveness of sins. Blessed by Him and His unending grace, we can be rejuvenated and strengthened on "wings like eagles" and serve all in His name and "become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some . . . for the sake of the gospel."*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Rock of Ages"

by Ellen Jane Lorenz

WELCOME

♯[Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

(continued)



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 40:21-22, 28; Psalm 147:3, 5

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?*
- C** **It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, . . . who stretches out the heavens like a curtain.**
- P** *Have you not known? Have you not heard?*
- C** **The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**
- P** *He heals the brokenhearted*
- C** **and binds up their wounds.**
- P** *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;*
- C** **His understanding is beyond measure.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

- P** *O God, You have come to call us to repentance and faith, to salvation and life. We come before You to confess and repent of our sins.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the times we have tried to keep our faith a private concern, failing to be all things to all people for the sake of Your kingdom, instead seeking Your blessings only for ourselves.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the times we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have neglected prayer and concern for the community in need around us and for people throughout the world.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the many faults and failings that are known only to You.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *We hear today in God's Word, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So, run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." As we run to our Savior in repentance and rely on Him to receive the crown of life He alone has earned, and upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

- P** *I will sing to the LORD,*
C **because he has dealt bountifully with me.**
P *Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;*
C **light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,**
P *lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"*
C **lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.**
P *But I have trusted in your steadfast love;*
C **my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** *I will sing to the LORD,*
C **because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**
P *Let us pray.*

All: **O God, our loving Father, as we run and grow weary and walk and feel faint in this earthly life of trials, troubles, and temptations, raise us up by Your grace that we be invigorated by Your Word and the hope affirmed through Christ's empty tomb; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21–31

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:16–27

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Mark 1:39

All: **Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29–39

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.*
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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SERMON

“WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES”

Isaiah 40:21-31

- I. In sin we are often “dirty birds.”
- II. But in God’s grace, we “shall mount up with wings like eagles.”

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who

with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for all people of God and for all people in their need. For the Church of God everywhere, that the Lord Jesus would continue to work among His people to forgive sins, deliver from death and the devil, and strengthen and preserve them in the one true faith unto life everlasting, and that His people always remember why He has come as Savior from sin, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the kingdoms of this world, that God would guide rulers to act with justice and integrity in service to all those entrusted to their care, and that when surrounded by violence and uncertainty, His people might trust in His unsearchable wisdom and cling to His promises of rescue in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For those who grieve and those in need of healing and deliverance, [especially . . .], that God who heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds would grant them relief and preserve them in the hope of His steadfast love in Christ Jesus. For those who suffer from chronic illness and long-term suffering that, as Jesus healed the mother-in-law of Simon Peter, God would give power to the faint, increase the strength of those who have no might, and preserve them in patience and the faith that in Christ they will mount up with wings like eagles, run and not be weary and walk and not faint, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*
- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, almighty God, as You come to Your people who are weary and faint. As You promised to give strength as on eagles' wings, in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, You have given us the strength to face our days until the unending days of Your glory to come. As we celebrate together what You give for our spiritual healing in, with, and under the bread and wine as the body and blood of Jesus Christ, use this Means of Grace to strengthen our trust in all Your promises. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament, You lead us to remember all that You have done for us before we were born, to realize that You are with us today, and to await Your promised return one day to receive us into Your eternal kingdom. So, remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:*

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

PIANO DUET

CHORAL SELECTION

"Alleluia"

"Away from Us the Demon Cried"

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P *Let us pray. We praise You, Almighty God, for having fed us with Your very body and blood, and for giving us the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Go with us, we pray, as we journey in the days ahead until we gather together in fellowship again. Protect us on our way, and let Your holy angels watch over us, that the evil enemy may have no power over us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Based on 1 Corinthians 9

P *As the Lord healed the mother-in-law of Peter, so He heals the wounds of our hearts.*

C **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

- P** As Jesus sent away the evil spirits, so He gives us His Spirit of faith and love.
- C** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.
- P** As He preached the Gospel to all of Galilee, so He brings His life to us.
- C** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.
- P** In all we do for the sake of the Gospel, that we may share in its blessings.
- C** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"Hosanna"

by H. P. Hopkins

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