

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM Service

February 7 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Amen.

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy God,

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.

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.

Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

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.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 21--31

Pg. 1140

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 147

Pg. 981

PS 147:1 Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

PS 147:2 **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

PS 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

PS 147:4 **He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.**

PS 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

PS 147:6 **The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.**

PS 147:7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp.

PS 147:8 **He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.**

PS 147:9 He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

PS 147:10 **His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of a man;**

PS 147:11 the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. Praise the LORD.

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 9: 16--23

Pg. 1781

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Offering Hymn #314 "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" by Ronald A. Nelson
Ed Workmon, Organist

(Please rise for the Gospel.)



After the Gospel is announced:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 29--39

Pg. 1553

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 665

“Rise, Shine, You People” sts. 1, 2

1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.
2. See how he sends the powers of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

***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

The Prayers

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

L: Let us pray---

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

SENDING

Blessing



Hymn # 314

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

sts. 1--3

1. Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call to 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 broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude