

Order of Service for Sunday February 4, 2024
~ 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
10 am Holy Eucharist
the Rev. Deacon Keehna Sture,
The Rev Tom Moehl, Celebrant
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR

Prelude (Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)

Opening Hymn #135 *"Songs of Faithfulness and Praise"*

The Greeting: Presider

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider (please say together)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria (please say together)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for today - *let us say together:*

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson is a reading from Isaiah 40:21-31

Lector

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,

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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.

- Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People
- Thanks be to God

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c Laudate Dominum (Said responsively, break at the "*") Lector

¹ Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

² The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

⁶ The Lord lifts up the lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.

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

⁹ 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.

¹¹ He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *

he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

¹² But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor. ²¹ Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson from 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Lector

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.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People

• Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn #488 "Be Thou My Vision"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Mark 1:29-39 Deacon

• Glory to you Lord 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

• Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon The Rev Thomas Moehl

The Nicene Creed (let us say together)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, (A special Form for Epiphany)

PotP Reader

Reader: Illumined by the light of Christ, let us bring to God not only our needs, but the needs of the world and God's people everywhere.

Reader: For the Church, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation, made visible in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For St. Martin's parish family, that our lives may radiate Christ's light to all we meet and serve in our community, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For an end to conflict in our troubled world: that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of Christ's peace and love, let us pray to the Lord. *All:* **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those in need of our prayers: the homeless, the lonely; the hungry; the dying; the grieving, and all those undergoing personal trials and challenges, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the sick, especially those we call to mind now, either silently or aloud (*pause...*), that their illnesses may be turned into health, and their sorrow into rejoicing, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who have died, especially those among our families and friends, whose memories still bring light to our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

Reader and People Reader

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**.

The Peace Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory;

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God.

Hymn of Presentation 'Doxology (sing to the tune Old One hundredth)

Praise God Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People (Say Together)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray:

The Lord's Prayer

(say together)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

Are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion of the People

Celebrant / Eucharistic Minister

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Instrumental – Tim Janus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for St. Martin's

Deacon

God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Commissioning of New Vestry

Celebrant

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book)

Celebrant

Traveling Mercies Announcements

Seasonal Blessing

Celebrant

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may behold your glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #423

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Dismissal Deacon

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude