

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(YEAR B)

But they that wait upon  
the Lord shall renew  
their strength; they shall  
mount up with wings as  
eagles; they shall run,  
and not be weary; and  
they shall walk, and not  
faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

8 February 2015

11 A.M. Mass

Prelude

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

*Hymnal 423*

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

BCP 355

*The People respond* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

*Glory to God*

*Hymnal S 280*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray,

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.**

A Reading from Isaiah.

40.21-31

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 cie 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147.1-12, 21c *Laudate Dominum*

- 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.

10 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.

21c Hallelujah!

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

9.16-23

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Blessed Jesus, at thy word***

***Hymnal 440***

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left the synagogue at Capernaum, and 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People      *The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Katherine our presiding bishop, Holly our own bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those who are sick and in need of special care: Betty Ann, Helen, Clare, Frances, Edmund, Sandra, Paul, Alan, Marvin, Sandy, Ron, Roland, Barbara, Jim, Grayson, Leslie, Rosemary *Silence*

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Geoffrey, Michael, James, Megan, Katie, Tim *Silence*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

For those celebrating birthdays (Jackson Wilson *Silence*) and anniversaries (*Silence*)

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept.*

**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.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Announcements, Offertory Sentence, Choir Anthem, and Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving as announced

***Holy, holy, holy Lord*** ***Hymnal S 129***

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation: All are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's Table.

***Father, we thank thee*** ***Hymnal 302***

***I come with joy to meet my Lord*** ***Hymnal 304***

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal. **Thanks be to God**

***In Christ there is no East or West*** ***Hymnal 529***

Postlude

*Prayer after Postlude*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** (BCP 815)

***The flowers on the altar are given by Ruth and Langhorne Jones to the glory of God.***

**Shrove Tuesday Pancakes:** 6 p.m., 17 February 2015

**Ash Wednesday Services:** 12 noon and 7 p.m. (ecumenical). 18 February 2015.

**Ministers of the Mass**

Subdeacons:  
John Geyer, Carol Ann Fletcher

Readers:  
Elmer Woodard, Cara Kinsey

Prayers:  
Betty Camp

Ushers:  
Vic Millner, Richard Camp

Coffee Hour:

Altar:  
Lisa Mullis, Janice Chaney

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