

**February 7, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**

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John Lewis

**The Welcome**

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy One, with our ancestors and all the people of God,  
we gather to sing your praises.**

**You are the one who has created the cosmos and the ants.**

**You give food to whales and sparrows,  
name the stars, and count the hairs on our heads.**

**Compassionate One, we offer you our thanksgiving  
for your many blessings.**

**Powerful One, inspire us this day:**

**to turn our praise into action,  
to share your good news with those who long to hear a word of hope,  
to proclaim your message of peace and justice throughout the world.**

**Praise to you! Amen.**

**The Opening Hymn No. 375**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

***Refrain:***

There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some times I feel discouraged,  
and think my work's in vain.  
But then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again. ***Refrain***

2. Don't ever feel discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you look for knowledge  
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. ***Refrain***

3. If you can't preach like Peter,  
if you can't pray like Paul,  
just tell the love of Jesus,  
and say he died for all. ***Refrain***

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## The Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Homily

*Lifted Up*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

## The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## The Confession and Pardon (in unison)

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*All pray in silence.*

Leader: Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love towards us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**  
All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

## The Offertory Prayer

### The Offertory Solo

*Hast Thou Not Known*

Frank La Forge

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard,  
that the everlasting God, the Lord,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth,  
fainteth not, neither is weary?  
there is no searching of his understanding.  
He giveth pow'r to the faint;  
and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.  
Even the youths shall faint and be weary,  
and the young men shall utterly fall:  
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 40:28-31

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## The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and with all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Carlton R. Young

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

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*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:*

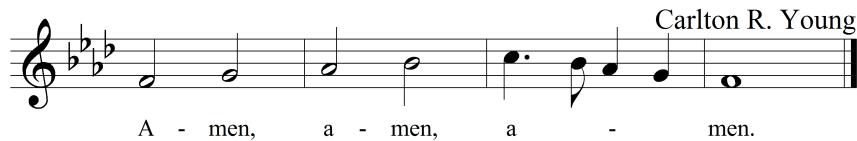
And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Carlton R. Young

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:  
All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.*



Carlton R. Young

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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### **The Lord's Prayer No. 895**

**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 that 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. Amen.**

### **The Giving and Receiving of Communion**

#### **The Hymn No. 266**

*Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer*

GRÄFENBERG

1. Heal us, Emmanuel, hear our prayer;  
we wait to feel thy touch;  
deep-wounded souls to thee repair,  
and Savior, we are such.
2. Our faith is feeble, we confess  
we faintly trust thy word;  
but wilt thou pity us the less?  
Be that far from thee, Lord!
3. Remember him who once applied  
with trembling for relief;  
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried;  
"O help my unbelief!"
4. She, too, who touched thee in the press  
and healing virtue stole,  
was answered, "Daughter, go in peace:  
thy faith hath made thee whole."
5. Like her, with hopes and fears we come  
to touch thee if we may;  
O send us not despairing home;  
send none unhealed away.

## The Benediction

### The Postlude

*We Thank You, Lord, We Thank You*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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***We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.***

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Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
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# Scriptures

## Mark 1:29-39

### Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

<sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> 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.

### A Preaching Tour in Galilee

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup> 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." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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