

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jesus for All People

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**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."

## ✂ PREPARATION ✂

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"

# 820 v. 1, 4

- 1 My soul, now praise your Maker!  
Let all within me bless His name  
Who makes you full partaker  
Of mercies more than you dare claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness  
Still bears with all your sin,  
Who heals your ev'ry weakness,  
Renews your life within;  
Whose grace and care are endless  
And saved you through the past;  
Who leaves no sufferer friendless  
But rights the wronged at last.

- 4 His grace remains forever,  
And children's children yet shall prove

That God forsakes them never  
Who in true fear shall seek His love.  
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,  
His rule is over all;  
O hosts with might excelling,  
With praise before Him fall.  
Praise Him forever reigning,  
All you who hear His Word—  
Our life and all sustaining.  
My soul, O praise the Lord!

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**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**GOD'S KIDS** [Song: All Who Believe and Are Baptized # 601;  
Message: Spending time in Prayer; Prayer]

1 All who believe and are baptized  
Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ,  
They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:  
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity  
Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

*Isaiah 40:21–22, 28; Psalm 147:3, 5*

Pastor: 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?

People: **It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, . . . who stretches out the heavens like a curtain.**

Pastor: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

People: **The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Pastor: He heals the brokenhearted

People: **and binds up their wounds.**

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

People: **His understanding is beyond measure.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*1 Corinthians 9:24–25*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the many faults and failings that are known only to You.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

**INTROIT**      *Psalm 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6*

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

**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.**

I will sing to the LORD,  
    because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**KYRIE**            *(Lord, have mercy)*

**People:**           **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
                 Lord, have mercy.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**    "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" # 790 v. 1, 5

1            Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
                 O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
                 Let all who hear  
                 Now to His temple draw near,  
                 Joining in glad adoration!

5            Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
                 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before  
                 Him!  
                 Let the Amen  
                 Sound from His people again;  
                 Gladly forever adore Him!

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## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:**            The Lord be with you.

**People:**            **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:**            Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family, the Church, continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**            **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**  
understanding is unsearchable.)

Isaiah 40:21–31 (The Lord's

<sup>21</sup>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?

<sup>22</sup>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 dwell in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>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"? <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**      *1 Corinthians 9:16–27* (Sharing the Gospel with all people)

<sup>16</sup>For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full

use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>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 not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Mark 1:39*

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 1:29–39* (Jesus, who came for all people, heals many.)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

<sup>29</sup>And immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of

Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed 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. <sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Come unto Me, Ye Weary" # 684 V. 1, 3, 4

1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,  
And I will give you rest."  
O blessèd voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction,  
Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending,  
Of love that cannot cease.

3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life."  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;



But Thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.

4 “And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out.”  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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**SERMON** Let Us Ride-Along with Jesus - Mark 1:29–39

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostle’s Creed

**People:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Additional petitions may follow. After each petition the pastor prays: Let us pray to the Lord, and the people respond: Lord, have mercy.*

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER**      *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:**            **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.**

**BENEDICTION**            *Based on 1 Corinthians 9*

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

**People:**            **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor:**            As Jesus sent away the evil spirits, so He gives us His  
                                 Spirit of faith and love.

**People:**            **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor:**            As He preached the Gospel to all of Galilee, so He  
                                 brings His life to us.

**People:**            **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor:**            In all we do for the sake of the Gospel, that we may  
                                 share in its blessings.

**People:**            **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be  
gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give  
you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

**HYMN** “What Wondrous Love Is This” # 543 v. 1, 2, 4

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;  
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.  
And when from death I’m free,  
I’ll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,  
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

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