Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - February 7, 2021

Today's Theme for Worship: Today we look the work Christ did to spread the kingdom, and how the Church continues that work.

Order of Service: Service of Word and Sacrament

Opening Hymn: 243 Oh, Worship the King

1 Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above; Oh, gratefully sing his pow'r and his love, Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

- 2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy, space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old, Established it fast by a changeless decree, And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, abr., alt.

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P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: ♬ Lord, have mer-cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: ♬ Christ, have mer-cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: ♬ Lord, have mer-cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: A A-men.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

♬ O Lord, Our Lord

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Father,

you crown our life with your love.

You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;

you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight.

You did not spare your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,

you came to live with us;

you made your Fa-ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us Pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: 7 A-men.

First Lesson: Job 7:1-7

Job's friends wrongly suggested that he was suffering God's punishment for some specific sin.

Isn't man's time on earth like being compelled to serve in the army?

Aren't his days like those of a hired man?

²Like a slave, he longs for shade,

or like a day laborer, he waits for his pay.

³In the same way, I have been allotted months of futility,

and nights of agony have been assigned to me.

⁴When I lie down, I think, "How long before I get up?"

But the night drags on,

and I am filled with restlessness until dawn.

⁵My flesh is clothed with maggots and caked with dirt.

My skin scabs over and then oozes again.

⁶My days pass by more swiftly than the shuttle of a weaver's loom.

They come to an end without hope.

⁷Remember that my life is just a breath.

My eyes will never again see good fortune.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 103

Refrain

I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

Praise the LORD, O my soul;*

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins*

and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave*

and crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

The LORD is compassionate and <u>gracious</u>,* slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our <u>sins</u> deserve* or repay us according to our in<u>iq</u>uities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,* so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is <u>from</u> the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Refrain

I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

As a father has compassion on his <u>chil</u>dren,* so the LORD has compassion on those who <u>fear</u> him;

for he knows how <u>we</u> are formed,* he remembers that <u>we</u> are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower <u>of</u> the field;* the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who <u>fear</u> him* from everlasting to ever<u>lasting</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

Shortly after his baptism, Jesus returns to Galilee, where he shows that the kingdom of God has come in might and mercy.

²⁹They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. ³¹He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door. ³⁴He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

³⁵Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. ³⁶Simon and his companions searched for him, ³⁷and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." ³⁹Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Hymn of the Day: 93 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

- 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression, And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong, To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light Whose souls, condemned and dying, Are precious in his sight.
- 3 Kings shall bow down before him And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore him; His praise all people sing. To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend, His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.
- 4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand forever-That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, abr., alt.

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶You see, if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about, because an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷If I do this as a volunteer, I receive

compensation. But if not, I have been entrusted with a responsibility as a steward. ¹⁸What then is my compensation? To present the gospel of Christ free of charge when I preach it, instead of making use of the right I have when I preach the gospel.

¹⁹In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. ²⁰To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. ²¹To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. ²²To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. ²³And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others.

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer
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.

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♬ And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: 7 We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: **Л** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

∄ Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: 7 A-men.

♬ O Christ, Lamb Of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A-men.

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice And proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A-men.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: 363 The King of Glory Comes

Refrain:

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

1 Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him? He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

Refrain:

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

2 In all of Galilee, in city or village, He goes among his people, curing their illness. *Refrain:*

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

3 He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation; He took upon himself the sin of the nations. *Refrain:*

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

4 He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen, And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom. *Refrain:*

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

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