

Prelude – Julien Thiele, Organist

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God. (*Silence for reflection.*) Holy God,

**C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn #559, vs. 1,3,5

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day – *Celebrate*

The Lessons - *Celebrate*

Sermon

Hymn #779 (With One Voice), vs. 1 & 3

*You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## The Prayers – Celebrate

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

P: It is indeed right and salutary.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: 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.**

### Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Communion

### Response and Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn #390, vs. 1 & 3

*I Love to Tell the Story*

### Benediction

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter keep you in peace.

**C: Amen.**

### Announcements

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Fred Hallgren in loving memory of Florence.

PRAYER LIST: Linda McAninch, Diane Becken, Mike Tymoczko (Pastor's brother-in-law), Sally, Jim, Sandy, Joanne, Shirley (Peggy Giberson's sister), Stephanie Blackwell, Frederick, Brent (Pat Daboll's nephew), Diane (friend of Carol Wunderlich), Katie (Chris & Mike Barber's daughter). Military: Kyle, Eric, Ryan, Kevin.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended to the Guido family. Debbie entered eternal glory last Sunday (friend of Carol Belling).

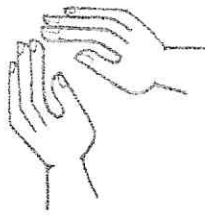
### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN:

TODAY:	10-12:00	Pick Up Chili
MON:	7:00pm	Church Council
TUE:	10:00am	Hope Circle
WED:	10:00am	Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY – Annual Congregational Meeting at 9:45am via Zoom. Jim Wanamaker will send the link to every member.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Donations of food or money for the NT Food Pantry are welcome! Root for your favorite team by placing your donations in their pot when you pick up your chili.





# Celebrate

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2021

*In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

## Prayer of the Day

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Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

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*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

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?  
<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  
live in;  
<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as  
nothing.  
<sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the  
Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>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.

<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 strengthens the powerless.

*continued*



Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises <sup>1</sup> to our God!  
 How pleasant it is to honor <sup>1</sup> God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- <sup>1</sup> builds Jerusalem,  
 and gathers the ex- <sup>1</sup> iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the <sup>1</sup> brokenhearted  
 and binds <sup>1</sup> up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number <sup>1</sup> of the stars  
 and calls them all <sup>1</sup> by their names. R**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- <sup>1</sup> y in power;  
 there is no limit <sup>1</sup> to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts <sup>1</sup> up the lowly,  
 but casts the wicked <sup>1</sup> to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with thanksgiving;  
 make music upon the harp <sup>1</sup> to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- <sup>1</sup> ens with clouds  
 and prepares rain for the earth,  
 making grass to grow up- <sup>1</sup> on the mountains. R**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food <sup>1</sup> for the cattle  
 and for the young ravens <sup>1</sup> when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might <sup>1</sup> of a horse,  
 and has no pleasure in the speed <sup>1</sup> of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD,  
 in those who await God's steadfast love.<sup>20c</sup> <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! R



<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>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.

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

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! <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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. <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 I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

## Gospel

## Mark 1:29-39

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] 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 sundown, 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.

<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.

## Prayers of Intercession

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The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for cattle and the rainwater they drink, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth, let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEOs; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, or hopelessness, they find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or other sickness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you (*especially*), let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here (*especially*); for parish nurses and visitors; for ministries of companionship and support, for the young people in this place who open us to new understandings, let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## Preparing for Next Week

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**Monday** Psalm 102:12-28. **Tuesday** 2 Kings 8:1-6. **Wednesday** Mark 3:7-12. **Thursday** Psalm 50:1-6. **Friday** 1 Timothy 1:12-20. **Saturday** Luke 19:41-44. **Transfiguration of Our Lord** (commemoration of Cyril, monk, 869; Methodius, bishop, 885; missionaries to the Slavs) 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9.

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Tracks 1 and 2



# You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings

1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -  
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
 3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in this shad - ow for life,  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear,  
 guard you in all of your ways.

say to the Lord: "My . . .  
 un - der God's wings your . . .  
 up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"  
 ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . your . . . shield  
 bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*  
 "And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,  
 and I will carry you upon my wings,  
 and I will bring you to my holy habitation."

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
 sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

# I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Je - sus and his love.  
 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I . sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

And tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's praise, The  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim, To  
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears And bids our sor - rows cease, Sings  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets the pris - ner free. His

glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!  
 spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of your name.  
 mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.  
 blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 Be now and ever giv'n

By saints below and saints above,  
 The Church in earth and heav'n.