

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 7, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Holy Communion - *Not available on prerecorded services

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hope is poured upon us this day!

P: God is with us, always offering God's healing love.

L: Now is the time for us to be people of action, not just those who silently sit and hear the good news.

P: Now is the time to seek the good; to heal those who are broken; to offer peace and hope.

L: Thanks be to God who has blessed us with God's abundant gifts.

P: We are called to use these gifts in service to God's broken world. Let us rejoice in the mission to which God has directed us. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy and love, be with us this morning as we hear the stories of Jesus and his compassion. Remind us again that we also need to be people of hope and compassion in this world which seems so dark. You, O God, open the doors of blessings. You reveal to us the many ways in which Jesus reached out to others at their time of need. Inspire our hearts and lift our spirits this day, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

* HYMN Jesus Is All the World to Me (v. 1-2) 627 HFG / 469 UMH

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE We Pray to God: Jesus spent time in prayer and so should we.

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39, Isaiah 40:21-31

MESSAGE Never-Ending Creativity

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...*

*...And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...*

*...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.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. Amen.

THE 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 glory for ever. Amen.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

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BIBLE STUDY: She Began to Serve

Read Mark 1:29-39

- In the passage from last week's lesson, we noted the surprising element of the unclean spirit in the synagogue. In this passage, equally shocking, Jesus touches a woman – a sick woman at that. And this woman was violating the taboo of not serving guests. How is this healing more than a physical healing? *[She is physically healed, yes. She is also restored to community – she is no longer unclean. She is then able to fulfill her role of offering hospitality—to all, not just to Jesus—which would have brought her honor.]*
- Why do you think Jesus didn't permit the demons to speak (as we saw in last week's passage)? *[While some have given the interpretation that it was some sort of reverse psychology, more likely Jesus didn't want people's assumptions to run wild. (See week one with Nathanael. People held all sorts of assumptions about the would-be Messiah. Jesus wanted others to see who he was and what he was doing before coming to conclusions – especially since the Messiah would be seen as a political threat.)]*
- What might we learn from Jesus heading to a deserted place to pray? *[Just as Jesus was fully God, so Jesus was fully human. Just as Jesus needed to be intentional in times of prayer, so do we.]*
- Why do you think we're more willing to share a story of a physical healing than a story of an emotional healing?
- How might have Jesus' prayers have helped him to remain focused on his mission (v. 38) and not just remain with those who wanted him to stay? Again, how does this provide a model for us as the church? *[Remain focused on the mission of making disciples. Remain focused on serving others who are in need of Jesus' healing.]*
- Name one way you could serve someone close to you.

CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, you have made us a blessing to be a blessing to others. Enable us to be as a mirror, reflecting your glory to those around us through our words and deeds. Give us the eyes to see the needs of others and the heart of a servant to know how best to respond. Amen.