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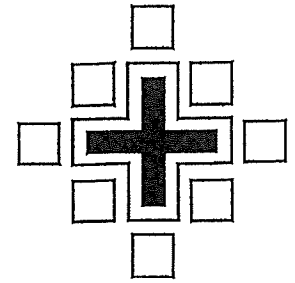
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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2021



INTROIT *Ps. 13:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 13:6*

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 sal- | vation.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
I will sing | to the LORD,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

GRADUAL *Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

DAILY READINGS

February 7: Job 4:1–21; John 2:1–12; 8: Job 5:1–27; John 2:13–25; 9: Job 6:1–13; John 3:1–21; 10: Job 6:14–30; John 3:22–4:6; 11: Job 7:1–21; John 4:7–26; 12: Job 8:1–22; John 4:27–45; 13: Job 9:1–35; John 4:46–54.

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Old Testament Reading:
Isaiah 40:21-31

- ²¹ 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?
- ²² 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;
- ²³ who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as
emptiness.
- ²⁴ 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.
- ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy
One.
- ²⁶ 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.
- ²⁷ 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"?
- ²⁸ 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.
- ²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases
strength.
- ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
- ³¹ 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.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

¹⁶If 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! ¹⁷For 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.
¹⁸What 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.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made
myself a servant to all, that I might win more of
them. ²⁰To 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. ²¹To
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. ²²To 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. ²³I
do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share
with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners
compete, but only one receives the prize? So run
that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises
self-control in all things. They do it to receive a
perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I
do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating
the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it
under control, lest after preaching to others I
myself should be disqualified.

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and
entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with
James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law
lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him
about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand
and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she
began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to
him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.
³³And the whole city was gathered together at the
door. ³⁴And 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.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while
it was still dark, he departed and went out to a
desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon
and those who were with him searched for him,
³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone
is looking for you." ³⁸And 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." ³⁹And he
went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their
synagogues and casting out demons.