

GOD HAS THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS.



PRINCE OF PEACE

Sunday February 7, 2021
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Introduction: 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. Just like Jesus, we all need times of quiet and prayer to be restored. May you know God is holding your life as you take time for prayer this week.

Confession and Forgiveness

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Holy God,
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.

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.
You are forgiven. God is holding your life. In that gift of God's forgiveness
we are called to be the beloved community living our Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.**

Children's Moment

First Reading: Isaiah 40.21-31 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

²¹ 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?

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 live in;

²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴ 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.

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

²⁶ 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.

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 strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ 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.

Psalm: 147.1-11 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

¹ Praise the LORD!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
**³ He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.**
⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
**⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**
⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
**⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.**
⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
**⁹ He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.**
¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;^[a]
**¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

²⁹ As soon as they^[a] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.
³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ 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.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He 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." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Message

Song: "On Eagle's Wings" 787 Text & Music Michael Joncas b.1957; On Eagles Wings irregular;
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Refrain verses 1-3:

**And he will raise you up on Eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hands.**

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, my refuge, my rock in whom I trust! *Ref.*

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear
Under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. *Ref.*

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Ref.*

4. For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Ref.*

Final refrain:

**And he will raise you up on Eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hands,
and hold you in the palm of his hands.**

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 Peace

Announcements

This year Lent begins on February 17-Lent Altar-We need LARGE colorful glass bottles. Do you have any that you could lend? Or any ideas where we could find some?

We are also Searching for Sea Glass! The Lent at Home bags need sea glass. Do you have any that you can part with? Have you bought more than you need? We can use it!

In January & February you can watch our worship services on Facebook each Sunday at 9:30 AM. We hope to be able to gather together safely later in the New Year! In the meantime, stay home, stay warm and stay safe!

The 2021 POP envelopes are here! If you would like to receive yours by mail, please email the office with your preferred address Attention Donna at princeofpeacebrockton@gmail.com or dplouffe16@gmail.com thank you!

Bible study on Wednesday 10 am Live or taped on our facebook page.

“New” Thirsty Thursday video also on facebook. Send in your pics by Tuesday check in for the theme of the week.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sing Response: **God is holding your life, God is holding your life, God is holding your life, we believe. (sing twice)**

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 the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEO's; 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,
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation: for outreach and social ministries centered here: for parish nurses and visitors, for ministries of companionship and support, for the young people in this place who open us up to new understandings,
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.

Sing Response: **God is holding your life, God is holding your life, God is holding your life, we believe. (sing twice)**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

May God, the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
And the Holy Spirit, the comforter, keep you in peace.
Go in the knowledge that
God is holding your life
You are not alone.
You are loved. **Amen.**

Hymn: "I Love To Tell the Story" 661 Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911; Music William Fischer, 1849 -1936 Hankey 7676D and refrain

Refrain: I love to tell the story; twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

1. I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory
Of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story
Because I know its true
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else would do. **Ref.**

2. I love to tell the story
how pleasant to repeat
what seems each time I tell it
more wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. **Ref.**

3. I love to tell the story for those who know it best
See hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song
I'll sing the old, old story that have loved so long. **Ref.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Thanks for joining us!

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