

SINGING WITH THE EXILES

Gathered by the waters of Babylon, Judean exiles wistfully wondered: Is God for real? If so, does He really care about us? What does our future hold? Will this ever change? God's people had watched their world shatter into a million pieces. They were demoralized and disillusioned. Their disaster looked terminal.

Do you feel this way? Does it look as though your current problems are more than you can bear? Do you find yourself asking: Why did this happen? Why did God allow it? Is there any order in the world? Will God really deliver on what He said?

Isaiah answers these questions in chapters 40–55 of his book. He announces that just when Israel's history seemed closed and controlled by hopeless Babylonian imperial policy, to the shock and surprise of everyone the Lord will stir up a king named Cyrus and a new exodus will explode in the desert! A Servant will be wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. And barren Zion will be given so many children that, like the old woman in the shoe, she won't know what to do! Standing behind these marvelous promises is God's almighty Word. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" (Isaiah 40:8). The exiles are going home!

That's why we are "Singing with the Exiles" as they are restored to their home.

This Lent (beginning February 17th), Isaiah 40–55 will shape us as we . . .

*Meditate upon daily devotions based upon these chapters;
Listen to the following messages:*

2/17	Ash Wednesday:	"God Has a Word for That"	(Isaiah 41:14–16)
2/24	Midweek of Lent 1:	"He Only Has Eyes for You"	(Isaiah 43:1–7)
3/3	Midweek of Lent 2:	"Marked"	(Isaiah 44:1–5)
3/10	Midweek of Lent 3:	"Breaking Down the Gates"	(Isaiah 45:1–8)
3/17	Midweek of Lent 4:	"Get Out!"	(Isaiah 48:17–22)
3/24	Midweek of Lent 5:	"One Little Word Can Fell Him"	(Isaiah 49:1–6)
4/1	Holy Thursday:	"He Prepares a Table"	(Isaiah 49:7–13)
4/2	Good Friday:	"All"	(Isaiah 52:13–53:12)
4/4	Easter Sunday:	"We Are Going Home"	(Isaiah 55:6–13)

Plan now to sing with the exiles as we learn from Isaiah to walk the Lenten way to the



8:00AM DIVINE SERVICE

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5th Sunday after the Epiphany
7 February 2021

*Please register your presence with us
by filling out one of the Member/Guest cards found in the pew rack in front of you
and giving it to an usher or placing into the offering plate.*

AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus says, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." His ministry and mission for this world was one for all people. Even as Jesus early on in His earthly ministry heals people, including Simon's mother-in-law, so He comes to us still with healing through the forgiveness of sins. Blessed by Him and His unending grace, we can be rejuvenated and strengthened on "wings like eagles" and serve all in His name and "become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some . . . for the sake of the gospel."

PRELUDE — *ES IST DAS HEIL*

arr. Roger C. Wilson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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✠ SERVICE of PREPARATION ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen**

✝ SERVICE of the WORD ✝

INTROIT

Psalm 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6

- ³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- ⁴lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- ⁵But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- ⁶I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

KYRIE ~ LORD, HAVE MERCY

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- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls 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.

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BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN “Fruit Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”

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POSTLUDE — LOBE DEN HERREN

arr. Charles Callahan

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI, ~ LAMB OF GOD



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

Please see your way to the brick wall on the south side of the church as the Lord's Supper will be administered single-file, individually (with gloves) as you pass by the altar rather than in groups gathered around the chancel rail. This arrangement lessens accidental contact as we gather before the altar, in keeping with 'social distancing' thinking.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" # 637

"Wide Open Stand the Gates" # 639

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what

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 mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



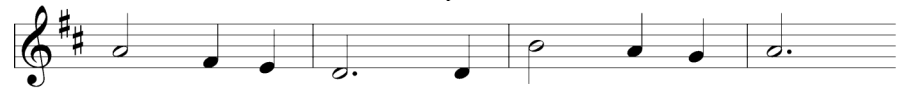
C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing₃ with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray...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.

C Amen. *(Sit)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21–31

(The Lord's understanding is unsearchable.)

²¹Do 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?

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING—No offering will be collected during the worship service (to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus.). Offering plates are on display at the back of the church for you to leave your offerings.

OFFERTORY (Stand)

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C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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L The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

²²It 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;
²³who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴Scarcely 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.

²⁵To whom then will you compare Me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift 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.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God?”

²⁸Have 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.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might He increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹but 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 147:1–11; antiphon: v. 5

¹Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

²The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number of the stars;
He gives to all of them their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
His understanding is beyond measure.

⁶The LORD lifts up the humble;
He casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

⁸He covers the heavens with clouds;
He prepares rain for the earth;
He makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,

¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
in those who hope in His steadfast love.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
His understanding is beyond measure.

EPISTLE *(Sharing the Gospel with all people)*

1 Corinthians 9:16–27

¹⁶For if 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

L Alleluia.
Jesus went throughout all Galilee,
preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.
Alleluia.

Mark 1:39

HOLY GOSPEL *(Stand)* *(Jesus, who came for all people, heals many.)* Mark 1:29–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁹And immediately [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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*