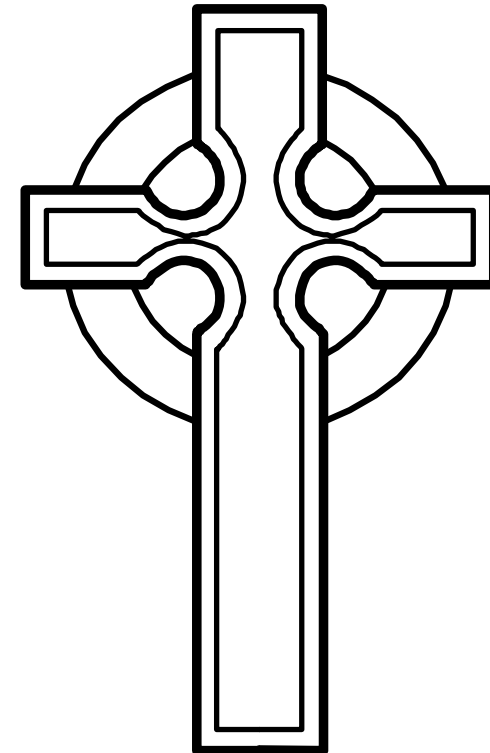


*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*

Psalm 100:1-2



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010

Holy Communion

++ *GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD* ++

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome visitors; invite to find and sign in registration folder; invite to fellowship following worship; introduce worship leaders, including Bill Philips.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

To all who received him, he gave the power to become children of God.

* HYMN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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

Eternal God, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Open our eyes and heal our hearts, that we may draw near to you trusting in your grace, and find in you our refuge and strength. Feed us with the bread of life and strengthen us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. If we confess our sins to God, God will forgive us and cleanse us from all wrongdoing. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Please be seated.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

BILL

... Let us continue our petitions in the words our Lord taught us, saying:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Distribution of the Elements

Please serve the person next to you, saying: "*This is the body of Christ, which is broken for you.*" and "*This is the blood of Christ, which is shed for you.*" Eat the bread when you are served; hold the cup so all may partake together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

++ **COMMISSIONING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD** ++

* HYMN

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jim Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PEACE

Ask if anyone has brought guests whom they would like to introduce.

Make announcements that are in the bulletin and are upcoming or seem important.

Invite people to reet those seated around you with the peace of God.

++ **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD** ++

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray:

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 116:12-19

Our first scripture lesson is Psalm 116, verses 12-19.

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord-- and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "A Call to Action: WASH" Rev. Bill Phillips

A MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

++ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ++

* HYMN

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm our faith together:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI Hymnal 579
**Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please be seated.
With gratitude for God's loving care for us, let us bring our morning offering.

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY Hymnal 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION (one verse)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

BILL

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation.

When we rebelled against you refusing to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Christ lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.