

First Reading: Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the LORD, all you nations!

Extol God, all you peoples!

For great is God's steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

Second Reading Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Palisades Presbyterian Church
Palisades, New York 10964
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*We are a Christian
community welcoming all as
we seek to grow in faith and
serve others.*

Scripture:

"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

-- Mark 9:50, NRSV

The Palisades Presbyterian Church
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 7, 2007

Welcome! Worship at Palisades Church begins with meditation. The music, the quote on the cover, the quiet of this place is all meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work. Thank you for entering the spirit of this place, this hour, by honoring the silence.

Introit

Prelude

Church Bell

Call to Worship and Action

Leader: We stand before you, God, with ready arms reaching for you.

People: We bow before you, God, with humbled hearts seeking you.

Leader: We sing before you, God, with glad voices raised to meet you.

People: We pray before you, God, with open souls lifted to greet you.

**All: God, in your glory, you have graciously reached for us.
We gather this day, reaching for you. Amen.**

***Hymn #321** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

Communion of the People All are welcome!

Prayer after Communion:

In Unison...

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace and justice, will always be with us. Amen.

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Music:

***Hymn #592** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

***Hymn #2235** *Siyahamba* – See Insert

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**All that are able please stand.*

Dying on the cross, Jesus saves us from death, having changed the oppressor's tool of execution into a symbol of promise and eternal life. Alive with us today, we rely on him and his guidance.

Remembering all this and more, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate Jesus: his dying, rising, and his eternal presence among us.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you, broken in some ways as this bread will be, working in a fractured and hungry world, knowing that we are made whole in service to you. Great is the mystery of faith:

People:

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

Leader:

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and fruit of the vine, that this meal may be for us a communion in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Make us one together with him and all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us in hope, and inspire us in steadfast love, so that we may serve as your faithful disciples all the days of our lives. We ask these things humbly, in the name of the one we serve.

People: Amen

Blessing of the Bread & Cup:

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

In the same way, he took the cup, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you and for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the saving death of the risen Jesus, with us today.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Humbly we praise you, God, author of our lives!
We thank you for crafting us into your story.
With all you have given us, we rejoice!

We recognize that so many want to know peace,
because they have lived at war for too long.

Our children search for compassion
that will give them shelter in the night and wipe away their tears.

Your people desire faith that will revive our souls,
move us beyond our walls, and enable us to serve the world;
a world that thirsts for passion, for belief in something real.

By your works, your words, your love and your ways,
you have taught us how to live loving our neighbors and loving you.

We offer our hands, our feet and our hearts into your care.
We ask, too, for your forgiveness, as we offer ourselves to you.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Hymn #322** Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Offering to One Another of a Sign of Peace

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Psalm 117:1-2

Anthem

2nd Reading Luke 17: 5 - 10

Sermon *Really Meaning It; Believing It*

A Moment for Meditation

***Hymn #374** *Lord Make Us an Instrument of Thy Peace*



Celebration of Communion All Are Welcome at this table!

Communion The Invitation to Jesus' Table

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

People: **They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

Leader: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

People: **Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.**

Leader: This is that same table.

People: **All are invited to share this feast, which God has prepared.**

Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader:

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give thanks and praise to the One who is with us always.

We recall that through the words of the prophets, the Spirit of God promised us a Redeemer, giving us hope for the day when justice would roll down like waters in a mighty stream. We rejoice now, for in Jesus Christ that day of rushing winds and waters is upon us and carrying us onward.

In thanksgiving and anticipation we praise you, and we join our voices with the choirs of angels, the prophets, the apostles, and the saints. We gather here in this sanctuary with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name in the great mystery of your presence.

People Sing Hosanna!

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.

Leader:

You are holy, O God of Majesty, and blessed is Jesus the Christ. Born of Mary, Jesus *lives* with us. Eating with those who have found distance from God, he welcomes us all back into God's presence. As we guide children with his teachings, he teaches us, again. Visiting the sick as he did, he heals us in ways beyond the physical limitations of these bodies of ours.