

First Reading: Psalm 119:137-144

¹³⁷You are righteous, O LORD,
and your judgments are right.
¹³⁸You have appointed your decrees in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.
¹³⁹My zeal consumes me
because my foes forget your words.
¹⁴⁰Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.
¹⁴¹I am small and despised,
yet I do not forget your precepts.
¹⁴²Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
and your law is the truth.
¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
but your commandments are my delight.
¹⁴⁴Your decrees are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

Second Reading: Luke 19:1-10

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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*We are a Christian
community welcoming all as
we seek to grow in faith and
serve others.*

enthusiasm

1603, from M.Fr. *enthousiasme*, from Gk. *enthousiasmos*, from *enthousiazerein* "be inspired," from *entheos* "inspired, possessed by a god," from *en-* "in" + *theos* "god." Acquired a derogatory sense of "excessive religious emotion" (1660) under the Puritans; generalized sense of "fervor, zeal" (the main modern sense) is first recorded 1716. *Enthusiastic* in the modern sense is from 1764

The Palisades Presbyterian Church
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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 (From Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God!

All: That God made us and to God we belong. We are God's people.

Leader: Come to this table, grateful and with thanksgiving!

All: Give thanks and bless God's names as we join together!

Leader: For God is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures for ever, and God's faithfulness is to all generations.

***Hymn #88** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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 #526** *For All the Saints*

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)

Gracious God,
you call us to faithful living,
giving ourselves to you and to one another
after the example of Jesus.

Yet sin, that is distance from you, prevents us
from sometimes listening, following...

We become caught up with our own goals,
worship our own sort of gods,
and place hope in things that are fleeting.

Wash us anew, please.
Forgive us again, please.
Give us the courage to hear your call
and the faith to follow where you lead again.
Please.
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 119: 137 - 144
- Anthem** *In This Moment of Remembrance* by Dale Wood
- 2nd Reading** Luke 19: 1 - 10
- Sermon** *Entheos: Sometimes There's No Holding Back*
- A Moment for Meditation**
- *Hymn #517** *We Come as Guests Invited*



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 the 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.