

The Lord's Day

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
February 5, 2012*

*We are what he has made us, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand to be our way of life.*

Ephesians 2:10

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE *Christ, Thou Art Our Day & Night* G. Böhn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN NO. 466..... *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

CALL TO CONFESSION (responsive)

Why do we need to confess our sins?

By telling God we are sorry, we ask God not to hold our sins against us, but to accept us again by grace.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we are like willful children who have turned from you. We have closed our hearts to you and disobeyed your law. We do not love you with our whole hearts. We do not love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Forgive us. Help us to turn back to you and receive forgiveness. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Proclaiming the Word

TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

FIRST LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other — just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

ANTHEM *If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments* E. Butler

SERMON FAMILY VALUE: The Rev. Stacks

Deep Caring

SECOND LESSON John 21:15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

\$2-PER-FAMILY HUNGER OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Living God, your love for us is beyond our imagining. Open our ears to hear the cries of your neediest children. Open our eyes to see injustice. Open our minds to think about compassion in all circumstances. Increase our willingness to give so that we may lead lives fully focused on ministry to others. We return your tithes and make these offerings in gratitude for your guidance and love and in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 507 (verses 1-4) *I Come with Joy*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Why do we give thanks at this table?

We give thanks for God's creation, for making us in God's image. We give thanks because God never gave up on us, even though we were not faithful to God. We give thanks because when it was time, God sent the only Son, Jesus, to show God's love for us.

How do we praise God for all this?

We praise God, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all of the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of God's name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND DEDICATION OF THE ELEMENTS (responsive)

What is special about this table?

This is the table of God's family.

What do we remember at this table?

We remember God's son, Jesus. He healed the sick and restored sight to the blind; he welcomed strangers and ate with outcasts. Dying on the cross, he saved us from our sin. Risen from the dead, he gives us new life.

Why do we eat bread at this table?

Jesus took bread, blessed it, and gave it to his friends.

Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Jesus gave them the cup as the promise that our sins are forgiven.

Let us pray that this everyday bread and juice will become holy: 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.

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.

Together let us pray the family prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Carrying the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 372..... *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 507 (verse 5) *I Come with Joy*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The congregation will read the lines in bold type.

Liturgies from Belonging to God: Catechism Resources for Worship.

I believe that there is a plan and a purpose for each person's life and that there are forces working in the universe to bring about good and to create a community of love and brotherhood. Those who can attune themselves to these forces — to God's purpose — can become special instruments of his will.

Coretta Scott King