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October 10, 2021
21st Sunday of Pentecost

REFLECTION

Celebrating Jesus Christ, Host of the Banquet of the Lord

Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who by dying and rising
Has brought us near to the Infinite God,
That we might love him, live with him, even dine with him.
O sweet mystery of love
That he who is Host is also our Food!
Come, weak and hungry heart:
Feed on the Bread of heaven, Day in, day out;
Come hungry heart, and by faith
Eat your fill at the banquet of the Lord's Supper
Week after week— Until that great day coming,
When we shall revel in the Wedding Supper of the Lamb,
And what comes to pass shall be shouted from every roof top,
“God and man at table are sat down!”

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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Call to Worship Isaiah 25:6-9:

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;

gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day,

**“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”**

Invocation

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 16:13–17

Praise Hymn Jerusalem the Golden

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Confession of Sin

For feeding and guarding the old Adam in me, when you command me to crucify him;

Lord Jesus forgive me.

For the hard-heartedness, which sooner or later leads to the lie that the world - and not you - holds the promise of life: **Lord Jesus forgive me.**

For too often being numb to the pleasure of things you created for my good.

For my boredom with the world; **Heavenly Father forgive me.**

For refusing the pain of dying, each day, to all selfish passions:

Heavenly Father forgive me.

For living too much on the edge of despair, though I live on this side of the empty tomb:

Lord Jesus forgive me.

For the half-heartedness of my love of what is really Life,

For being satisfied with too little of your power in me,

For the way I take your good gifts for granted: **Lord Jesus forgive me.**

For my boredom with the Word,

For the cowardice that makes me afraid to be known as a Christian,

For a faith that shakes like a leaf in the wind: **Heavenly Father forgive me.**

For my indifference to the pain of others, For the sluggishness of my desire for you,

For believing the lie that I need pleasures I can taste and touch, more than I need you;

Heavenly Father forgive me.

For all my offenses, and all my wanderings:

O Lord God, forgive me, for your own Names sake. Amen.

1. Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest,
 2. They stand, those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song,
 3. There is the throne of Da - vid; and there, from care re - leased,
 4. O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!

be - neath your con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed.
 and bright with man - y an an - gel, and all the mar - tyr throng.
 the song of them that tri - umph, the shout of them that feast;
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!

I know not, O I know not, what joys a - wait us there;
 The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
 and they who with their Lead - er have con - quered in the fight,
 Je - sus, in mer - cy bring us to that dear land of rest;

what ra - dian - cy of the glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare.
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo - rious sheen.
 for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white.
 who are, with God the Fa - ther and Spir - it, ev - er blest.

Individual Confession

Absolution

John 6:45–51

“It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Thanksgiving Hymn

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus

I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land (2x)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Chorus

New Testament Lesson Revelation 19:1–9

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, you heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

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Sermon Text Jonah 3:10-4:11

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Jonah: God will Succeed With or Without You | Pastor Curran Bishop

Response Hymn Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain
You ascended to heaven and ever more will reign
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was crucified
With wisdom and mercy and justice you'll reign
At Your Father's side

Chorus

And the angels will cry hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world rule in pow'r
And the earth will reply You shall reign
As the King of all kings
And the Lord of all lords

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied
'Cause the Father has told us for these You have died
For the nations who gather before You
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb who was crucified
Who descended to hell yet was raised up to reign at His Father's side

Chorus

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Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

Prayers of the People

Collection

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Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me [repeat]
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*the universal Christian Church in all times and places

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.

Communion Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion (vs 1-2)

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion (vs 3)

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Chorus

Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION

Eating True Food, By Faith

“Jesus said to them, “Come and dine.” – John 21:12

In these words the believer is invited to a holy nearness to Jesus. “Come and dine,” implies the same table, the same food; yes, and sometimes it means to sit side by side, and lean our head upon the Savior’s chest. It is being brought into the banqueting-house, where waves the banner of redeeming love. “Come and dine,” gives us a vision of union with Jesus, because the only food that we can feast upon when we dine with Jesus is Himself. Oh, what union is this! It is a depth which reason cannot fathom, that we thus feed upon Jesus. “He that eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, dwells in Me, and I in him.” (John 6:56)

It is also an invitation to enjoy fellowship with the saints. Christians may differ on a variety of points, but they have all one spiritual appetite; and if we cannot all feel alike, we can all feed alike on the bread of life sent down from heaven. At the table of fellowship with Jesus we are one bread and one cup. As the loving cup goes round we pledge one another heartily therein. Get nearer to Jesus, and you will find yourself linked more and more in spirit to all who are like yourself, supported by the same heavenly manna. If we were more near to Jesus we should be more near to one another. We likewise see in these words the source of strength for every Christian. To look at Christ is to live, but for strength to serve Him you must “come and dine.” We labor under much unnecessary weakness on account of neglecting this precept of the Master. We none of us need to put ourselves on a low diet; on the contrary, we should fatten on the marrow and fatness of the gospel that we may accumulate strength therein, and urge every power to its full tension in the Master’s service. Thus, then, if you would realize nearness to Jesus, union with Jesus, love to His people and strength from Jesus, “come and dine” with Him by faith.

—Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), *Morning and Evening Devotions*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group | Meeting tonight, October 10, 5:30-7pm at the Alburger's house (97 Oxford Rd) for a picnic and community building time. Check the weekly email for a link to sign up to bring a dish, drink or side. Feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors!

Men's Breakfast | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). We meet with no agenda but to create space for guys to form a strong community where important questions can be discussed and answered. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting | 7-7:50pm. Regular prayer for each other, our community, our world and the redemptive work of God is essential to our mission. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

Sunday Worship | We'll be meeting at the MAC (40 Railroad Ave.) every Sunday in October and November except 10/31 and 11/14 when we will meet at the Fowler Memorial Building (parking at I Shipyard Ln.).

Women's Bible Study | Starts Oct. 16th, 9 to 10:30am. RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org.

Men's Bible Study | Starts Nov. 6th, 9 to 10:30am. RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org.

Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship | 3rd Fridays, rotating months; Oct. 15: men's bonfire at the Bishops' house (21 Green St.).

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