

PEARL CHURCH
September 7th, 2008
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Outreach Sunday

The season of Ordinary Time is reflected on the altar by the color of green. Green is associated with new life and growth. In the Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection of Christ.

GREETING & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the LORD.
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.
Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with tambourine and harp.
For the LORD takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with salvation
(Psalm 149: 1-4)

LORD MOST HIGH

From the ends of the earth
From the depths of the sea
From the heights of the heavens
Your name be praised

From the heart of the weak
From the shouts of the strong
From the lips of all people
This song we raise Lord

*Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises
Lord most high
Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord most high
Be magnified*

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Words: Verses 1, 4, 5, 6 & 9: Matthew Bridges; verses 2 & 3: Godfrey Thring.

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began,
and ye who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of Man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for His own,
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of lords,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.

CONFESSION

Leader: Father, we confess that we have tried to live life by our own strength instead of abiding in you. We have believed the lie that we can control our lives on our own. Please teach us your way of experiencing victory through surrender, and power through helplessness.

Silence for reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The good news of the Gospel is this, “But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world”. (1 John 2: 1b-2)

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Brian Cheney

Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off thy guilty fears.
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne He stands. Before the throne He stands.
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.

Before the throne of grace, before the throne of grace
He gladly bends and takes my place.

Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary.
They pour effective prayers. They strongly plead for me.
"Forgive, forgive," they cry. "Forgive, forgive," they cry.
This ransomed sinner must not die.

The father hears Him pray, His dear anointed one,
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son.
He sees the priceless blood. He sees the priceless blood.
And tells me I am born of God.

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear.
With boldness I draw nigh, with boldness I draw nigh.
And "Father, Abba, Father," I cry.

GRACE FLOWS DOWN

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
Amazing love, now flowing down
From hands and feet
That were nailed to the tree
As grace flows down and covers me

It covers me (4x)

READING OF THE WORD

Ezekiel 33: 7-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 13: 8-14*

Leader: The Gospel of Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

**The Gospel passage is read from within the congregation to represent the power of the Good News being sent out and proclaimed by the Church.*

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

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Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SERMON

RESTING IN THE WORD*

PSALM 5

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Give ear to my words, O Lord,
Consider my meditation.
Hearken unto the voice of my cry,
My King, and my God:
For unto Thee will I pray.
My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning,
O Lord; in the morning
Will I direct my prayer
Unto Thee, and will look up.

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OUR PRAYER

Leader: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

BENEDICTION

** We spend a few minutes in silence as a community to simply “rest” in the word that God is speaking to us, both individually and corporately. These moments provide pause for us to listen for the Spirit’s specific direction as we seek to respond to truth and wisdom in our lives and our community.*