



## Worship with Communion

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost: Fathers/Father Figures

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**Welcome! We're glad you chose to worship with us today!**

#### ♪ **Womb of Life and Source of Being**

Womb of life and source of being, home of ev'ry restless heart,  
In your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start.  
We your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.  
Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,  
You have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life and Death of Death,  
Risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.  
When our mem'ry fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.  
Labor with us; aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,  
Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
We would praise your name forever, one-in-three and three-in-one.  
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,  
Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* AMEN!

All

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN!

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Eternal God, we thank you today for the relationships in our lives. We especially thank you for our family relationships. We are grateful for the love and nurture and joy that family life brings us. Yet we also acknowledge that our families sometimes bring us pain. So, we pray today for those who struggle with broken and strained family relationships. On this Father's Day, we give you thanks for our fathers, for all they have done and continue to do in our lives. We pray for all fathers—help them, Lord, to be a blessing to their families. We pray for those whose fathers have died and who feel grief on this day. We also remember those who wanted to be fathers but could not be. And we pray for those who have been like fathers, spiritual or otherwise, in our lives. Most of all, God, we thank you for being a good father to us, showering us with love, compassion, forgiveness, and encouragement. We thank you and ask your blessings on our worship today, through Christ our Lord.

*People* AMEN!

## First Lesson

*Reader* A reading of 1 Samuel chapter 17, verses 32-49.

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul,

"Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Unison Reading

*Reader* Let us read in unison Psalm 9, verses 9 through 20.

*All* You will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble. Those who know your name will put their trust in you, for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord. Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; proclaim to the peoples the things God has done. The avenger of blood will remember them and will not forget the cry of the afflicted. Have pity on me, O Lord; see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death; so that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation in the gates of the city of Zion. The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, and in the snare they set is their own foot caught. O Lord, you are known by your acts of justice; the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands. The wicked shall be given over to the grave, and also all the peoples that forget you. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever. Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; let them be judged before you. Put fear upon them, O Lord; let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

## New Testament

*Reader* A reading of 2 Corinthians chapter 6, verses 1 through 13.

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our

ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel**

Mark 4. 35-41

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Celebrant* When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

### Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

### Prayers of the People

*Reader* On this day when we remember fathers, let us offer our prayers to God, who has adopted us as sons and daughters through the waters of baptism. O God, you formed your son Adam from the dust of the ground, and breathed your holy breath into his lungs, giving us all the gift of life; breathe again your Life into, us, your children and your Church, that we might be one with you.

*All* God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

*Reader* Lord of all, you formed great nations out of great families, and blessed the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that they might be a

blessing to all. Bless our nation, and all the nations of the world, with your Fatherly Presence, wisdom, and peace.

**All God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* As the children of Israel found themselves slaves, making bricks for Pharaoh, before you heard their cry and brought them to freedom we pray for all in this world who are in trouble of any kind. We pray for the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the victims of war and all who live in terror's wake.

**All God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Your Son, Jesus, was raised by Joseph the carpenter, who saw him grow year by year in strength and wisdom. We pray for all in our family of faith, and especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in this and coming weeks.

**All God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Your Son, Jesus, neither married nor raised children of his own, but he helped countless people come and mature to fullness of life and to Life Everlasting; and so we pray for all who nurture others with love and patience, as spiritual fathers.

**All God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Jacob's son, Joseph, to whom he gave the radiant coat, was beaten, betrayed, and sold into a life of hardship before rising to greatness; and so we pray for all who are injured, hurt, sick, lonely, or live in fear.

**All God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Gracious God, as our Heavenly Father, you gave us the gift of your own Son, and out of our human blindness the crowds called for him to die on a cross; we pray for the dying and the dead. Bring all your children home.

**All God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Receive our praise and thanks for all your blessings. We lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those on our prayer list. For confidence to offer all of our needs and concerns up to God, and for growing gratitude in all we receive, we pray.

*All* God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

*Reader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* AMEN!

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

*All* O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

*All* O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

*Celebrant* To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

*All* AMEN!

## Passing the Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## Invitation to Communion

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## ♪ When Jesus Called You Father

When Jesus called you "Father" in teaching folks to pray,  
 And when he said we're children who need to trust your way,  
 O God, he knew your closeness, your guidance from above.  
 Perhaps in Joseph's caring, he'd learned to trust your love.  
 Some cannot call you Father; they will not use that name.  
 The fathers they have known here have caused them fear and pain;  
 And though you're like a father, you're like a mother, too.  
 No single name can ever tell all we know of you.  
 Yet Jesus in his teaching described a father's joy  
 When, at his son's returning, he ran to greet the boy.  
 O God, when we have hurt you and struggled on our own,  
 Just like that loving parent, you run to bring us home.  
 O God, you seek to save us, no matter what the cost;  
 Our Father, your intention is no one will be lost.  
 As Jesus called you "Abba," and trusted in your plans,  
 We trust in you to guide us! Our lives are in your hands.  
 You hold your children's future when all will be made new.  
 Your house has many dwellings so we may live with you.  
 Just like a loving father, you answer when we pray.  
 In thanks, may we your children now follow you each day.

## Offering Our Gifts

*Celebrant* Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the church mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at [mySJEC.com/donate](http://mySJEC.com/donate). We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

*People* Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.

## Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*All* Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*All* By your will they were created and have their being.

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*All* Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*All* By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation

who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All* 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.

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*All* We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*All* Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*All* AMEN!

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN!

## **Breaking Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.*

*People* In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN!

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and for ever more.

*All* Alleluia! AMEN!

## ♪ **Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit**

Faithful God, you sent your Spirit long ago at Pentecost.  
 You gave life and said to share it, all as one, beneath your cross.  
 May we see your wondrous blessing when your people everywhere  
 Work together, all confessing faith that binds us, faith to share.

God of hope, you daily nurture those who seek to follow you.  
 You're not bound by any culture; you love rich and poor ones, too.  
 In an ever-changing nation, may your churches welcome in  
 Every child of your creation, giving hope to all again.

God of love, may we in worship welcome our diversity.  
 May we reach in trust and friendship to the poor and refugee.  
 May we see Christ in the stranger, breaking bonds of hate and fear.  
 By your Spirit, may we offer glimpses of your kingdom here.

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## **Sending**

*Celebrant* Go forth sharing the Good News of God's love! Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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