



Delighting in the Scriptures
May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



MEDITATION

Solemn or stated meditation is distinguished from the study of the word. Wherein our principle aim is to learn the truth; and also from prayer, whereof God himself is the immediate object. But meditation is the affecting of our own hearts and minds with love, delight, and humility toward the things continued (in the Word).

- Puritan Richard Baxter

God's greatest blessings often come costumed as disasters. Any doubters need to do nothing more than ascend the hill of Calvary.

- Max Lucado

What can I give back to God for the blessings he's poured out on me? I'll lift high the cup of salvation – a toast to God!

- Bono

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, May 6th	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	1 Timothy 6:11-12
Tuesday the 7th	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 11:1-17	1 Timothy 6:13-16
Wednesday the 8th	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 11:18-21	Mark 16:19-20
Thursday the 9th	Psalm 93	Psalm 47	Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53
Friday the 10th	Psalm 47	Exodus 24:15-18	Revelation 1:9-18
Saturday the 11th	Psalm 47	Deuteronomy 34:1-7	John 16:4-11

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WELCOME

Second City Church is a community that exists to worship the Triune God and to celebrate, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope this guide will help you participate in our service. If you have any questions about our worship, faith, or how you can be a part of our mission to serve God and neighbor in Harrisburg, be sure to talk to our pastor.

For Parents:

Children of all ages are welcome to remain with us as we worship. We like the noise; it helps us remember we are alive. The following services are available for you and your children to get the most out of your time of worship:

Infant & Toddler Care

Infant and toddler care is available on the first floor of the east wing of our building. Ask one of our greeters if you need help locating this room. Nursery staff are well-trained, have required background checks, and maintain a safe environment for your child(ren).

Children & Worship

Children & Worship is for children ages preschool through 2nd grade and meets in a worship space below the sanctuary during the sermon. They are dismissed during the announcements and return during the offertory. New families are welcome to tour the space before or after a service if desired.

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + **EASTER** + PENTECOST + TRINITY

Easter is the greatest festival season of the Christian year. It begins with the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) and lasts for 50 days. After the long preparation of Lent, and the cold dreary winter months that accompany it, and the somber preparation of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Sunday erupts into our hearts and souls as a joyous celebration filled with expectation of Christ's work among us. For 50 days we feast and celebrate Our Lord and his great victory. Easter themes are new life, joy, exuberance, resurrection, hope and love. The liturgical colors for Easter are white and gold.

Please note that our services are live-streamed.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Gathering Hymn - Arise My Soul Arise

Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

[Refrain]

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all-redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

[Refrain]

Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him O forgive they cry
Forgive him O forgive they cry
Don't let that ransomed sinner die

[Refrain]

My God is reconciled
His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And Father Abba Father cry
[Refrain]

Confession Hymn - Trisagion

Holy God
Holy and mighty!
Holy Immortal One
Have mercy
Have mercy, on us

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

O God of resurrection grace, we confess to you and to one another that we have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have created us to worship you and you alone. You have told us that we should have no other God's before you. Even so, Gracious Lord, it is true that our hearts are idol factories. We have bowed to other gods. We have bowed to our work, to friends, to family, to our possessions. Lord, have mercy and hear our prayer. In your loving kindness hear our confession and pardon our sin. Hear us as we pray in the name of Jesus, the great Lover of our souls. Amen

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103:10-14

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

His Mercy Is More

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the fathers love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give his only son
And make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross
My sin upon His shoulder
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Living Our Faith

Blessing our Children

Jesus called the children to him and said,

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,

for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

May Memory Verse John 1:1

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Psalm Reading

Psalm 1:1-3; page 528

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 10; page 474

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 5:39; page 1058

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord!

Luke 24:25-27, 32; page 1052

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Rev. Andy Phillips - *Delighting in the Scriptures*

Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended to heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

- *The Apostles' Creed*

Offering of Prayers of the People

God of life, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, his defeat over death, and his gift of new life. We praise you for the reflections of that new life in creation, in the world about us here in Harrisburg and beyond, in the life of your church both here and abroad, in the community of Second City Church. In the new life that is brought about in the resurrected Christ, we bring to you our praises

To you, as the giver of new life and the renewer of our hope, we bring before you our prayer for creation and its care, for the needs of the nations of the world, for our own leaders in our land, for the community of Harrisburg and the the community of Second City Church and the churches of our city. We bring to you our prayers believing that you are the God who is there and loves when your people come before you in faith

We pray all this in the name of the Lord and giver of life, Jesus. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32

Friends and members of Second City Church support the extension of God's Kingdom with gifts of bread, wine, talents and resources. Guests are not expected to contribute. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates, boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.



Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen.



LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 for us to give thanks and praise.

Praise God for His Mighty Acts

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We bound to praise you chiefly for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, most holy Lord, Lord God of power and might

Heaven and earth are filled, filled with your holy light

○ blessed is the one, the one who comes, Comes in the name of God

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us:

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us once for all upon the cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast!

Sharing Holy Communion

Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- Hebrews 13:20-21

Closing Hymn - Joy of Jesus

May the grace of my God be with you
May the grace of my God be with you
May you know the grace of my God
And may the grace of my God be with you

May the love of my Lord be with you
May the love of my Lord be with you
And may you know the love of my Lord
And may the love of my Lord be with you

And may you dance and laugh and sing
May you know the warmth of His embrace
May you feel the brush of angel wings
Like the wind upon your face

May the joy of Jesus be with you
May the joy of Jesus be with you
May you know the joy of Jesus
And may the joy of Jesus be with you
[Repeat]

Dismissal

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Hallelujah! Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Verbeke Street Median Cleanup and Mulch Project Today After Church

Today, right after our worship service, we'd love to have a few volunteers for the Verbeke Street Median cleanup and mulch project.

Our church has participated in prior years as a way to help some of our neighbors make our street a little more beautiful. Please consider helping for 15 to 30 minutes after church if you can. Thanks!

Second City Second Sunday Picnics Scheduled from June to September

Please mark your calendars now and save the following dates for fun, food, and fellowship.

Second City Second Sundays will be held on June 9, July 14, Aug 11, and Sept 8. More details to come, but we hope that you will join us! --SCSS Planning Committee



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Children's Summer Celebration June 3

There will be a children's summer celebration for children ages 3 - 12 on June 3 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided, and there will be time for a story, songs, crafts, and games.

Please email hannah@secondcitychurch.org to sign up your children, or if you are interested in volunteering to help with this event. Anyone can volunteer (not just parents) to help with food, set up and tear down, supervising kids, and helping with activities.

New Wireless Network for Use in the Sanctuary

If you access the church's wifi from the Sanctuary, there is a new network available to you:

Network Name: SecondCityChurch3

Password: pleres charitos

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Barb Koller
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Chuck & Michelle Bagley

Joe Sawanowich
Darwin Leshner

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please consider liking, following and subscribing to our social media! Also, when you see, read or watch something you like, share it with your friends. It's a helpful way to let others know we are here!

Facebook



Instagram



YouTube



Your contact information

If you are our guest and would like to indicate your presence with us, or if you'd like to make us aware of a change in your contact information, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

_____ Visitor
_____ Regular Attendee
_____ Member

Name(s):

Address (please include city and zip):

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Prayer

Requests: _____

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