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MEDITATION

The table, the trough, has God's fingerprints all over it. We participate in a mystery whenever we eat food. Indeed, every meal is sacramental. Through eating, death is resurrected into life. Dead fish, dead figs and dead cornflakes are transformed into the living tissue of our bodies. Through some mystery brewing deep inside of us, all that dead matter comes to life. . . . That is an event I would call sacred – a holy occurrence.

-Kelton Cobb

You are the body of Christ; that is to say, in you and through you the method and work of the incarnation must go forward. You are to be taken, you are to be consecrated, broken and distributed, that you may become the means of grace and vehicles of the eternal charity.

- Saint Augustine

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 5th	Psalm 121	Ezekiel 1:1-25	Acts 9:19b-31
Tuesday the 6th	Psalm 121	Ezekiel 1:26-2:1	Acts 26:1-18
Wednesday the 7th	Psalm 121	Isaiah 6:1-8	Luke 5:1-11
Thursday the 8th	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 11:1-25	Revelation 5:1-10
Friday the 9th	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 20:39-44	Revelation 6:1-7:4
Saturday the 10th	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 28:25-26	Luke 12:29-32

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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 - 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
And to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him
How I've proved him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
O for grace to trust him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust his cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood

[Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace
[Refrain]

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

[Refrain]

Confession Hymn - Have Mercy

Have mercy on me, have mercy on me
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy

Oh help my unbelief, oh help my unbelief
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy
Have mercy

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**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.**

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

“O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54b-57

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

Doxology

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him
[Repeat]

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High king of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all



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

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." - John 20:17

Psalm Reading

Psalm 103:6-14; page 594

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

Isaiah 43:10-13; page 717

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Romans 1:16-17; page 1116

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord!

John 20:19-31; page 1077

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - A Believing People

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

O Christ, born of the Father before all ages,
you took upon yourself our humanity and you rose for us: we worship you.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Son of God, source of life, we invoke your goodness upon us
and upon the entire human family.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Allow us to live by your life
and to walk as children of light in the joy of Easter.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Increase the faith of your church;
may it faithfully bear witness to your resurrection.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Comfort all who are burdened
and engrave in their hearts your words of eternal life.

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Strengthen those who are weak in faith
and reveal yourself to doubting hearts. We pray especially for...

Hear us, Lord of glory.

Give strength to the sick, support the elderly,
and reassure the dying by your saving presence.

Hear us, Lord of glory. 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, holy holy Lord, God of power and might
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory, Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes, in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest, 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

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in the fullness of his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 - Barocha

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace, and give you peace
And give you peace, forever

The Lord be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face, toward you
And give you peace, and give you peace
And give you peace, forever

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace, and give you peace
And give you peace, forever
And give you peace, and give you peace
And give you peace, forever

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

Median Cleanup and Mulch After Church Today

We're joining the Friends of Midtown in a median cleanup and mulch today from 9-1. Hope you can help.

Reminders for Election Day, May 20

Tuesday, May 20 is the next primary election, and once again, the church will be serving as a polling place. The county requires all visitors other than voters not to enter the Social Hall but to use alternate doors to enter and exit the building. Thank you for your cooperation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Missionary Updates Posted on Bulletin Board

The church recently received a newsletter full of beautiful photos from Jason Bryce, a member of Second City who is serving in Ecuador. You may not be aware that missionary updates are posted on the bulletin board by the Kitchen entrance in the hallway leading to the Social Hall.

Please remember to pray for Jason and our many other missions partners around our city and around the world. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Dottie Roden
Darwin Leshner
Virginia Anderson

Nevin White
Sophia James, USAF
Eleanor Orner

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):

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