

"But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

- Exodus 17:3



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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Gather 'round, you elders of the people,
you who are willing to be witnesses
to God's activity in the world

Many: Gather 'round, you complainers,

crying out for the powerless,
making your voices heard.

One: Gather 'round, you fearful ones,
living in the tension between
frustration and hope.

Many: Gather 'round, you leaders of the people,
Anxious and exasperated
And needing to be led yourselves.

One: God is here.
God is listening.
God will provide.

Many: Let us worship God.

Hymn *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Lend me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness:

We are impatient, God of Abundance.
Like the Israelites wandering in the
wilderness of Sin,
we, too, long for Living Water
and grow impatient in the waiting
for that which is right in front of us.
Forgive our complaining, we pray,
and open our eyes
and our hearts
to your presence
in unexpected places.
Teach us to ask
for the longings of our hearts,
for the sustenance we need,
for your saving grace,
and to trust that you will provide
just as you have provided
so many times before.

Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response *"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.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7: From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" 3But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses

and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" 4So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Philippians 2:1-13: If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. 9Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Julie Gvillo

Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.
2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.
3 O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. eternal.

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Response of Praise

"Doxology"
Praise God,

from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication: God of Abundance, and Giver of all good things, we thank you. With humble and grateful hearts, we offer to you a portion of the blessings we have received from your hand-- in spiritual gifts and in tangible ones , and we pray that you will bless it and multiply it, that your gifts of grace might overflow into the community and the world for the glory of your holy name.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,

And crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all!
(repeat last two lines)

Charge and Benediction

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