

**Family Worship on Sundays**  
**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 19, 2020**

*(Gather at the family table)*

*The one presiding may say:* The first followers of Jesus gathered for a meal on Sunday or the night before, just like we are gathered here today (tonight). At their meals they remembered Jesus' life and service to others, his death and new life. So today (tonight) we do the same, remembering that Jesus is here with us, for he said, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them."

*(If evening, candles may be lit)*

*Presider takes a loaf of bread and breaks it*  
*As the food is served, the presider says*

*Presider:* We give you thanks God our Father (Source) for the life and knowledge you have given us in Jesus your Servant.

**ALL:** **Glory to you now and forever.**

*Presider:* As the grains of this broken bread were once scattered upon the hills and became one loaf, so gather your people together from all over the world into your Kingdom (Reign) of justice, peace and love with Jesus your Servant.

**ALL:** **Glory to you now and forever.**

*Presider pours wine into one or several cups.*

*Presider:* We thank you, Holy God, for the holy vine of David your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus your servant.

**ALL:** **Glory to you now and forever.**

*The broken bread and the cup(s) are shared.*

*During the meal, a short passage from the gospel appointed may be read, or retold, and discussed.*

### **Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

### **PRAYER AT THE END**

*Presider:* We thank you, holy God, for your holy name which you placed in our hearts, and for the knowledge and trust that you made known to us through Jesus your servant.

**ALL:** **Glory to you now and forever.**

*Presider:* You, Holy God, made everything for your name’s sake. You gave food and drink to all people to enjoy, that we may give you thanks. And to us you freely give spiritual food and drink and life eternal through Jesus, your servant.

**ALL:** **Glory to you now and forever.**

*Presider:* Remember your church. Free and protect us from evil and make us perfect in your love; make us holy and gather us in your Kingdom (Realm) prepared for us. For Yours is the power and the glory forever.

**ALL:** **Amen**

*Presider:* May your healing come, and this crisis pass away! Jesus is coming!

**ALL:** **Amen.**

*A song or psalm with refrain may be sung as the table is cleared and dishes washed.*

*(see next page for hymn)*

## THE HYMN

*Amazing Grace!*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*