

Family Worship on Sundays
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 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 16: 21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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.