

the
Practice



Learning *the*
Unforced Rhythms
of Grace

ORDER *of* PRACTICE
April 12, 2015



Willow Creek Chapel

Please speak, Your servant is listening
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O Hosanna

from 1 Samuel 3:7-11



Judson University Choir
(dir. Warren Anderson)

OPENING READING

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need. (Acts 4:32-35)

Let Us Rejoice
Psalm 118 Psalm II for the Easter Season Marty Haugen

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

joyce and be glad; _____ This is the day the
lu-ia! _____ Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad! _____
le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! _____

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PSALM READING

How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.

(Psalm 133)

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Taizé Community

The king - dom of God is jus-tice and peace and
joy in the Ho-ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

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EPISTLE READING

We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life.

This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us.

We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.

So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth.

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. (1 John 1:2-2:1)

CONFESSION

Silence

*Space to confess our sins to God
in the name of Jesus Christ*

ASSURANCE

“All You See”

by Sowards, Camerer, & Hitchcock

GOSPEL READING

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them!

“Peace be with you,” he said.

As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said,

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

Then he breathed on them and said,

“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them.

“Peace be with you,” he said.

Then he said to Thomas, **“Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”**

“My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

Then Jesus told him, **“You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”**

The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name. (John 20:19-31)

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up
Its a new day dawning
Its time to sing Your song again
What ever may pass and
whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Soon my soul will sing Your praise unending
10,000 years and there forever more**



Passing of the Peace

*“The Peace of the Lord be with you”
“And also with you”*



Rev Canon Dr Scot McKnight
A Theology of The Eucharist

www.patheos.com/blogs/jesuscreed



notes:



Communion



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Benediction

“The Lord’s Prayer”

by Malotte

The prayer team is available (near the chapel stage)
for any who want prayer after the gathering.



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The Practice is an experimental gathering where we immerse ourselves in God's dream for humanity, practice the historic disciplines that align us with His dream, and carry each other along the way. We are learning to live out Jesus' teachings in the world. Vision / Practice / Tribe



We seek to be:

KINGDOM-FOCUSED.

Jesus has invited every one of us to join Him in healing and redeeming this world. Through the scriptures, story, and worship, we want to align ourselves with this good work.

EQUIPPERS.

According to Eph 4, the church exists to equip the people for ministry. Sunday night is not the main event, but a training ground to become the kinds of people who can live our actual lives the way Jesus would if He were in our place.

PRACTICE-BASED.

More of a spiritual gymnasium than classroom. The focus is on the practices and disciplines that form us into Christlikeness.

ECUMENICAL.

Relentlessly committed to humbly learning from other Christian traditions and practices.

EUCCHARISTIC.

Every gathering will culminate with communion to weekly anchor us in Christ's death, resurrection, and promise of return.

COMMUNITY.

The Christian life is not meant to be lived alone. We need each other.

A part of the Willow Creek community.



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