



Midweek Lent: “The Faith We Confess”

Holy Communion + 12:15 p.m.

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A Note on Daily Communion: Can we ever have Jesus enough? He invites us to trust in Him daily, and He has given His Holy Supper to strengthen us in that trust. We therefore find the Church already receiving His Supper on a daily basis shortly after the resurrection (Acts 2:42-47), and that daily Communion became the eventual standard of the Church. We follow this venerable tradition at Zion, with Holy Communion offered Monday through Friday at 12:15 PM (about 25 minutes long). If you prefer not to commune, you are still joyfully welcomed and encouraged to worship at this service.

PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ... Ryan Meyer and David Cherwien

Please stand.

APOSTOLIC GREETING *and* COLLECT

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . . O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

GOSPEL Matthew 19:3-6

P: The Gospel of the Lord according

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³ And Pharisees came up to [Jesus] and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" ⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated.

SERMON "Maker of Heaven and Earth"

HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide:



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see:
All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed:
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord. un - to me!

Please stand.

APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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 the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: . . . let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

At the prayer's conclusion, the pastor absolves the congregation.

PSALMODY *spoken as the altar is prepared*

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their un-
ending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the high-
est.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

ACCLAMATION

P: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

AGNUS DEI

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Our Lord gives His holy Body and Blood to those who are baptized in order to strengthen their union with Him and with the Church. He therefore invites to this Supper those who 1) are baptized, 2) trust that they eat His body and drink His blood, and 3) desire to set aside all divisions between themselves, God, and His Church.

When all have finished communion, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN "Abide with Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

POSTLUDE

"Abide with Me"

... Benjamin M. Culli

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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