

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore--
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over--
like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?

Langston Hughes, Harlem



CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

Please silence cell phones

August 30th, 2009
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

Liturgical Definitions:

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Liturgy

Liturgy is an order for public worship including singing, reading of scripture, and the Eucharist. The word liturgy means "the work of the people". Worship is something we do, not something to watch.

Greeting

Rhesa Storms

Call to Worship

Come from the wandering.

Come with your longings, your questions, and your fears.

Come with open hearts and open minds.

Come to hear words that proclaim God's love.

Come to hear of works that bring forth God's powerful justice.

Come, worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Prayer

Gloria Patri

While saying this prayer, worshippers who wish may mark themselves with the Sign of the Cross ✠

All:

Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, so it is now, and ever shall be; world without end.

Alleluia, Amen.

Call to Worship

The call to worship directs our attention to God and prepares us to praise God. Many weeks, we may come to the service with worries or concerns. The call to worship allows us to focus our attention on the nature of God, helping us to be less self-centered. In worship, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in our lives.

Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most high;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night.

Indescribable

From the highest of heights
To the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall
To the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique
In the song that it sings
All exclaiming

chorus:

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt
Where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses
Laden with snow
Who imagined the sun
And gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us
The coolness of night
None can fathom

chorus

written by Laura Story

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

prechorus:

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

prechorus

chorus

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

chorus

written by Beth & Matt Redman

After the singing, Kindergarten to 5th grade children may go to their classes. The teachers will meet them at the back of the sanctuary. Parents may attend with their children.

Prayer of Confession

During the prayer of confession, you are invited to kneel, as a sign of humility.

All:

Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Grace- from 1 Timothy 1:15, 17

Leader:

Here are words you may trust,

words that merit full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life

he says, "Your sins are forgiven."

He also says, "Follow me."

All:

**Now to the one who rules all worlds,
immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever.**

Prayer of Confession

...Reminds us that we are not better than others and that we are in need of grace. It strikes a blow against pride and humbles us before God as we are honest about our brokenness.

Declaration of Grace

Confession of sin would bring only despair were it not for our knowledge of God's forgiveness and mercy. It is dangerous to dwell on ourselves and our sin if we do not also remember that God delights in forgiving us.

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say:

“Thy strength indeed is small.

Child of weakness, watch and pray;

Find in me thine all in all.”

chorus:

Jesus paid it all; All to him I owe.

Sin had left a crimson stain;

He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find

Thy pow’r and Thine alone

Can change the leper’s spots

And melt the heart of stone.

chorus

And when before the throne

I stand in Him complete,

“Jesus died my soul to save,”

My lips shall still repeat.

chorus

Oh praise the one who paid my debt

And raised this life up from the dead.

Elvina Hall and John Thomas Grape, 1865

Prayer of Community Life

We bring before God our petitions and concerns, trusting in God’s power to act in our lives, in our city, and in this world. We also pray, not just to get our way, but also to align our lives and desires with God’s will.

Prayer of Community Life

Brent Storms

Scripture Reading

Craig Casey

Genesis 37:2-11

This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Message

Jared Witt

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Stewart Townend, 1995

Eucharist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Eucharist

One of the many terms for the Lord's Supper. It comes from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." Even as Jesus gave thanks when he instituted the Lord's Supper, so do we give thanks that in this holy meal our Lord gives us his body and blood for forgiveness and life.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

All:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and for ever. Amen

Leader: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We invite all believers who have been baptized to share in the Lord's Supper. You may come forward, and stand or kneel in front of the table as you receive the elements.

The Bread and the Cup are given with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven (**Amen.**)

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation (**Amen.**)

Upon receiving communion, participants may make the Sign of the Cross ✠ as a mark of their faith in the redemptive work of Jesus.

Silence

Silence is increasingly rare in our culture. In worship, it is important to reflect, to enjoy God, to feel the weight of truth, and to focus on the presence of the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. As a prayer, the Lord's Prayer is similar to Jewish prayers. It begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God's help.

Reprise: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Offering

Where we give our money is often an indication of where our priorities lie. We give to God to further ministries throughout our neighborhood, city, and the world.

Offering

Announcements

Jonathan Williams

Benediction

...A blessing pronounced at the conclusion of a worship service

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:24-26

COMING UP:

After the service, stick around after for refreshments in the community room

Incarnation's next service is Sept 13th.

Groups coming up:

- beer group this Tuesday at 6, contact Jonathan for details
- pick up Olive Kitteridge for September's book group

Get involved at Incarnation! Talk to Jonathan, Jared or Rhesa to find out ways to serve

Picnic in the Central Park on Labor Day, Sept 7th at 1 - bring some food & some games, meet at the north edge of the Great Lawn



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Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998*