

the
Practice



Learning *the*
Unforced Rhythms
of Grace

ORDER *of* PRACTICE
October 25th, 2015



Willow Creek Chapel

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O Hosanna

from 1 Samuel 3:7-11



GOSPEL READING

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus, was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

(Mark 10:46-52)

I want Jesus to walk with me
I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my journey
I want Jesus to walk with me

In my trials, Lord, walk with me
In my trials, Lord, walk with me
When strength is failing
I want Jesus to walk with me

**In my sorrows, Lord walk with me
In my sorrows, Lord walk with me
When my heart is aching
I want Jesus to walk with me**

**In my troubles, Lord walk with me
In my troubles, Lord walk with me
When my life seems a burden
I want Jesus to walk with me**

PSALM READING

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, Lord,
like streams in the desert.

Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

(Psalm 126)

**The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit
Come, Lord, and open in us
The gates of Your Kingdom**
(repeat)

THE CONFESSION

**Our God, we confess with that we have come
short of your glory. We have not done what
we ought to have done. We have remained
deaf to the cries of those who hurt. We have
remained dumb in the face of evil. We have
allowed the shadow of death to hover over
the innocently condemned. We have failed
to proclaim with power and conviction your
liberation for the oppressed. We repent.**

(A prayer from Panama)

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ASSURANCE

Hear now the words of Jesus, for all who come to him humbly...
Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.

Silence

Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as a forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth cries Glory! Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Iona Community Worship Book)

**May Your Kingdom come
May Your will be done
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In us
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May Your nearness known
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Prayer for Our World

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Amen**

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Passing of the Peace

*“The peace of Christ be with you.”
“And also with you.”*



An Embodied Spirituality

Eric Connor & Jenna Perrine

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being; sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Praise God on high

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Great is the mystery of faith

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Christ will come again.

Now gathered at our table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us with all your Saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever

AMEN.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Holy Communion

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OUR GREAT SAVIOR

**Hallelujah, What a Savior
Hallelujah, What a Friend
Saving, helping, keeping, loving.
He is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! What a Friend for sinners,
Jesus! Lover of my soul.
Friends may fail me, foes assail me;
He's my Savior, makes me whole.**

Hallelujah, What a Savior...

**Jesus! What a Strength in weakness,
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my victory wins.**

Hallelujah, What a Savior...

**Jesus! what a Help in sorrow,
While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.**

**Jesus, I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.**

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Benediction

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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because
of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 5:1-11)

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
And joy in the Holy Spirit
Come, Lord, and open in us
The gates of Your Kingdom
(repeat)

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
when there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

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**Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life. Amen.**

(Prayer of St. Francis)

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PSALM READING (Psalm 34)

I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those
who fear him, and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good
thing.

Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;
but the face of the Lord is against those who do
evil, to blot out their name from the earth.
The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all;
he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.
Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be
condemned.

(Psalm 34)

**I sought for the King, And He heard me
And delivered me, From my lonely fears
They looked unto Him
And they were lightened
And all their faces
Were made unashamed**

**Gloria, Gloria
Gloria, Gloria**

**This poor man had cried
And the King heard him
And He rescued him
From his worst troubles**

**God sent His angels
All around their camp
They that fear Him
Have nothing to fear**

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**Oh taste and see
That the Lord is good
All you people, all you saints
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(Psalm 34:4-7)

Space to Pray for God's Help

*(In what ways do you need God to deliver
you today? Take a moment to pray and
hold this deep need before God.)*

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(Psalm 34:11-14)

Space to Prepare for Confession

(O God, in what ways have I failed to “turn from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it” this week?)

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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Space to Say “Thank You” to God

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**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**

Bless the Lord Oh my soul, Oh my soul...

**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**

Bless the Lord Oh my soul, Oh my soul...

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Soon my soul sing your praise un-ending
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