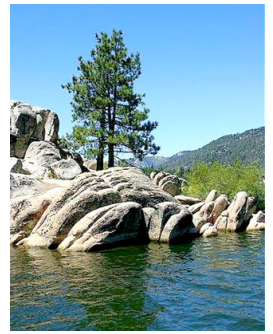


BIG BEAR CAMPING TRIP:
"WORSHIPING CHRIST
IN THE MOUNTAINS"
July 2010



GATHERING

The ringing of a temple bell opens our time together. We will remain seated throughout this relaxed service.

Service Leader God is in his holy Temple! Quiet everyone—a holy silence. Listen!

All sit silently, perhaps with eyes closed, to listen for what sounds we hear – the birds, the wind, other campers, our own breath. May these sounds be an opening hymn of praise to our Creator God.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

After a period of silent listening, the Service Leader continues, saying
Let us humbly acknowledge our sins against God and all of creation.

After a moment of silent reflection, all say

God, creator of all the wonders that make up this world...

When we treat our part of the world as a commodity to be used rather than a gift to be cherished, forgive us.

When we fail to care for and protect this lovely land, with its mountains and ancient rock formations: its oceans, rivers and lakes; its unique plants and animal life, forgive us.

God, bearer of our humanity in Jesus Christ...

When we fail to live out the commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us, forgive us.

When we judge others by their characteristics, possessions or achievements, rather than accepting them as persons loved and accepted by you, forgive us.

God, giver of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth...

When we betray the truth of the gospel through our lack of integrity or our abuse of ethical and moral principals, forgive us.

God – Creator, Redeemer, Life-giving Spirit – fill us anew with your creative power that we may be reborn in your image, glorifying you in and through who we are, and what we say and do in Jesus' name. As Jesus' disciples and in his name we pray. Amen.

Deacon Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Community **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY & PSALM (paraphrase from *The Message*)

Service Leader The earth is the Lord's for God made it: Come let us adore our Creator!

Community **Alleluia!**

All read Psalm 96 responsively, with the Community reading the verses in bold

Sing to GOD a brand-new song! Earth and everyone in it, sing! Sing to God—worship GOD!

Shout the news of God's victory from sea to sea, Take the news of God's glory to the lost, News of God's wonders to one and all!

For GOD is great, and worth a thousand Hallelujahs.
God's terrible beauty makes the gods look cheap; Pagan gods are mere tatters and rags.

**GOD made the heavens—Royal splendor radiates from the Creator,
A powerful beauty sets our God apart. Bravo, GOD, Bravo!
Everyone join in the great shout: Encore! In awe before the beauty, in awe before the might.**

Bring gifts and celebrate, Bow before the beauty of God, Then to your knees—everyone worship!

**Get out the message—God Rules! Our God put the world on a firm foundation;
God treats everyone fair and square.**

Let's hear it from Sky, with Earth joining in, and a huge round of applause from Sea.
Let Wilderness turn cartwheels, Animals, come dance, Put every tree of the forest in the choir—

**An extravaganza before God's coming to set everything right on earth,
Set everything right, treat everyone fair.**

A temple bell signals a time of reflective silence. May the sounds we hear be as a song of worship.

THE GOSPEL (NRSV)

*Take several deep breaths to prepare for hearing the Gospel, perhaps with eyes closed.
May these smells be as incense of thanksgiving rising up to our Creator God.*

The Service Leader then introduces the Gospel, saying

A reading from the life of Jesus as remembered in the Gospel of Luke (10.38-42)

Deacon The Good News of Jesus.

Community **Glory is yours, O God.**

Now as they went on their way, [Jesus] entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Deacon The life-giving Word of the Lord.
Community Praise to you, O Christ.

INTERACTIVE MEDITATION

*The Deacon will lead the Community in a time of interactive meditation on the Gospel (see insert).
A temple bell signals a time of reflective silence. Again, may the sounds we hear be as a song of worship.*

Afterward the Service Leader invites all to say

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS

Prayer Leader The Lord be with you.

Community **And also with you.**

Prayer Leader Let us pray.

All say The Lord's Prayer, each in her/his own language

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.

Then the Prayer Leader offers the following Collect

Prayer Leader Loving God, may our relationship with You change our lives in such a way that
we become like trees planted by streams of Living Water, which yield their fruit
in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

Community **Amen.**

Prayer Leader As we gather together this morning to worship and nurture our relationship with God, I invite you now to offer to God those things with give joy to or burden your hearts:

All are welcome to offer individual prayers, intentions and concerns, aloud or in silence.

When the time is right, the Prayer Leader continues, with the Community reading the refrain in bold

Bless this community of Jesus, and use us freely as a means of drawing others into your kingdom life.
Prepare our tongues, O God.

All are invited pray one of the following petitions

Strengthen us who follow Jesus and all working for peace, justice, reconciliation, and understanding.
Prepare our hands, O God.

Heal us, and help the lonely, the betrayed, the suffering and the dying to find strength in Jesus.
Prepare our hearts, O God.

Give us knowledge of your Word and growth in the Spirit, increasing in us prayer, study, daily actions and whole lives centered on Jesus.
Prepare our minds, O God.

Welcome those whose memories we hold dear, and may all who have died in your friendship live with you forever.
Prepare our souls, O God.

Deacon Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Community **Amen.**

DISMISSAL & PEACE

Deacon As Jesus was leaving his disciples he said, "I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give. It isn't like the peace that this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid" (John 14.27, paraphrase from *The Message*).

Community Go forth to love and serve the Lord, with this peace of Christ always with you.
And also with you.

Acknowledging our reconciliation to God and one another, all share Christ's peace with each other.

This service is adapted from Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two (BCP 74ff). The Confession is from http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/liturgies/main/index.php?ch_table=link7&PID=28&SID=&year=C, and the Prayers litany is drawn from a *Holy Spirit Silver Lake* liturgy (8 July 2010).