

# Jubilee 2005

## Living in The City Of God

**SEEKERS CHURCH**

**A Christian Community**

*In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour*

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**CIRCLE TIME**

**ENTRANCE**

**REFLECTION**

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the city of God would come, Jesus replied, "The city of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the city of God is within you and among you and around you.

Luke 17:20-21

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy Builder of all that is,  
you are our dwelling place,  
the true home of our hearts.

People: Before the mountains,  
before you formed the earth and stars,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are  
God.

Leader: You call us to live in your holy city,  
where you reign in justice and peace,  
where all who come find safety and joy.

All: Satisfy us with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice in you.

**INVOCATION**

**HYMN**

**WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

**SILENCE**

## RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Blessed are those  
who will eat at the feast in the city of  
God.

Voice 1: The city of God is like treasure hidden in a field.

Voice 2: The city of God is like a mustard seed.

Voice 1: The city of God is like a landowner  
who went out early in the morning  
to hire workers for the vineyard.

Voice 2: The city of God is like yeast that a woman took  
and mixed into a large amount of flour  
until it worked all through the dough.

Leader: The city of God is like a net  
that was let down into the lake  
and caught all kinds of fish.

All: The city of God is within us and among us

and around us.

## **SILENCE**

## **PRAYERS**

### CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, you call us to be part of your new Creation.

Voice 1: We want to be your people,  
but we are living in this world.

Voice 2: We've learned to love the life we have,  
and look for ways to hold it fast.

Leader: Living Christ, we want to hear your call,

Voice 1: but all the noise of hurricane and war  
has filled our ears with fear and dread.

Voice 2: We work and save  
to take good care of those we love  
and don't have much to give away.

All: Holy Spirit of transformation,  
Nail to the cross our arrogance,  
selfishness and pretensions,  
and raise to life from the tomb  
everything in us which needs to be made  
whole.

#### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE

Leader: Behold, our God is making all things new.  
We cry to God in troubled times,  
and we are delivered from our distress.  
Give, thanks, for God is good;  
with steadfast love that lasts forever.

Amen

#### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

#### JESUS PRAYER

All: Eternal One, Father and Mother of us all,  
Holy is your name.

Let justice and mercy fill all Creation  
and let us recognize  
that every thought and thing belongs to you.

Feed us with the bread we need for today.

Forgive our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Stand with us in trial and temptation.

Free us from the grip of all that is evil.

For you alone are creating our universe,  
now and forever.

Amen.

## **HYMN**

## **THE WORD**

FIRST LESSON

SILENCE

GOSPEL

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

**OFFERING**

*The first Sunday of each month we switch to a Communion Liturgy here.*

**SHARED REFLECTIONS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN**

**BENEDICTION**

Leader:                   Go out into the world.

Share your goodness with others,

give your gifts away cheerfully,

take in the breath of life

and know that you are the living city of

God.

God everlasting is in us, among us, and

around us.

All:

Amen.

### **Worship Resources**

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 90