

Call to Worship:

Do you hear your name called?
God's call to worship is personal, like that.
God's call to worship is a call to meeting,
So that we hear ourselves addressed and
know our word listened to →

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the words of God's servant Charles
Wesley as he sings of the God revealed
in the face of Jesus Christ.

"He breaks the power of cancelled sin
and sets the prisoner free

His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me."

This is one Sunday when we can clearly see what the use of a lectionary in public worship can do to our understanding of the Bible. It's one thing to pick scripture lessons to reinforce a chosen theme. It's another thing to select lessons because they appear in sequence, either in an Epistle or a Gospel or even sometimes in the Hebrew scriptures.

This Sunday - we definitely have another triumvirate, the Psalm, Philippians, all affirm the same theme.

Be thankful, Be happy, you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord has given you. Shout to God, Come before God with laughter. Rejoice again & say Rejoice.

Gospel Reading part of a long discourse that John reports Jesus as giving about the true Bread of Life.

The setting is given a taking place after the miraculous feeding of the ~~great crowd~~ ^{5,000}.
 - Jesus has dismissed the crowd upon their clamour to make him king
 - and disappeared. But the crowd had followed him around the lake
 "You are looking for me, not because you saw signs - but because you ate your fill of the loaves.
 Don't work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life

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By the time he is through with the whole discourse all his disciples have taken off except the 12. And John has just asked them - "will you go too?"

What Word do we hear - Put this set of lessons together.

First 3 readings -

The call to be joyful is appropriate enough, my goodness we spend an inordinate amount of time being miserable and spreading misery all around us.

However one of the last things we can do is rejoice because we are commanded to. It's like trying to be grateful because we are urged to.

There is a vast difference between false gratitude and the genuine state of gratitude.

Simone Proke just as there is a world of difference between trampled up happiness and the real thing. Pursuit of happiness - find the way not to get it.

WHAT CLUES: in today's lessons -

about rejoicing

what will cause our hearts to rejoice.

Deut. - When you recall your story, Moses
wandering over seas Jab
Sympathy about to perish in

Ps Now the Lord is God
and we are His.

Philippians

Think on these things
Something also Count your Blessings

Whatever is True
Whatever is honorable
" " just
" " pure
" " Level
" " gracious

any excellence
anything worthy of praise —

Think on these things: —

While we are looking in these mirrors for
happiness — turn to the Gospel lesson.

I am the Living Bread that came down
from heaven. Whoever eats of this
bread will live forever.

The Bread that I will give for
the life of the world is my Flesh.

Really offended listeners —

Eat this Bread of Eternal Life.

Eat this Flesh

Drink this Blood.

What is the word for us here →
offended like the rest

METAPHOR footstool life

METAPHOR, God Talk. all you've got

to say it's a metaphor - hard say to push
a metaphor → effective vehicle
sharp serious reality,
not hard hard say to push

NOT
LIMITED

hard saying heart's real life,
come to hard saying / was John worried →

Bread of Life
Eternal Life
Bread of Heaven
Life's Full Meaning

Paul of it.

Whatever life present
you with →
it's required - have it.

eat it } show
drink it. } words
like

eat flesh drink blood

* Ezekiel Israel in Egypt,
Original basic hope in God Dashed
eat exile - sweet.

* Body has egg :- historically associated
with Prayer.

Final Position, Return to a pre-life universe
Return to world.

stop rebelling for ever

Spread Eagle: Unshakable - crucifix in
rescue life, Jesus & cross

as Final life is hunt & beauty
or embrace them - what is the actual life

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* Deep & Wonderful Liberation genuine
forgiveness
Forgiveness
Forgiveness

Question of The Book of Hebrews looking through
scriptures that refer to sin & forgiveness,
Observation
No forgiveness without the shedding of blood
Embodied all his blood talk -

How will we ever get to know genuine
forgiveness - given or received
without blood talk.

* Share one more story: Close to The
Messiah carried in this admonition
to eat Christ's flesh & drink his blood

My undergraduate and seminary years were
spent in a small church college in Winnipeg.
The proprietor of a tiny cafeteria in the
basement of the building was called Tony.
Everyone who could get in ate there. Faculty
staff students, Tony knew us all - remembered our
names years after we graduated.

No established such a tradition that
~~has been~~ 50 years later - when
the OG of WPS is a large downtown University
I still call one of its eating places TONY'S

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The College was famous for its Polio
Beds which bordered the Long Walk up
to the Scout camp on Portage Avenue

One fall day - before class, I returned
to the College to find Tony having these beds
Marlboro Cigarettes - at certain stages
of nicotine content could be almost
~~impossible~~ to work -
impossible

I made some comment about
how heavy going it was. Tony replied

"Well Mr Shaw" he said

"When you've got hard job to do
and strength to do it

That's what you might call
Lindy.