

Jude Doxology  
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We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

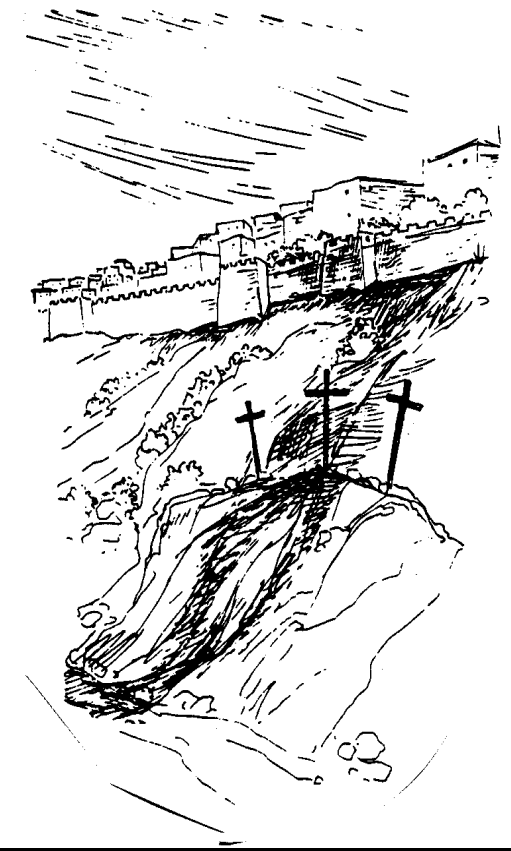
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Jesus answered them,

"Destroy  
This  
temple,  
and  
I will  
raise  
it  
again  
in  
three  
days."

—John 2:19



Old Orchard Church

August 24, 2014 ♦ 10:15 to 11:50 a.m.

*Celebrating Jesus,  
Fulfiller of God's Covenant with Moses:  
Christ, the True Temple of God*

Blessed be God  
for giving us the Old Covenant temple  
in all its elaborate beauty,  
to be a shadow of the Great Beauty who is Christ,  
the very fullness of Deity!

In the great mysterious Temple  
where he met his people,  
God allowed his wrath to be appeased  
by the blood of animals, and looked ahead  
to the all-atoning sacrifice of his one and only Son.  
Praise be to his Name!

In heaven now, the eternal dwelling place of God,  
the worship of Jesus is pure and unbroken.  
O sing to the Lord you who by faith  
have become his temple;  
Sing to the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Alleluia!



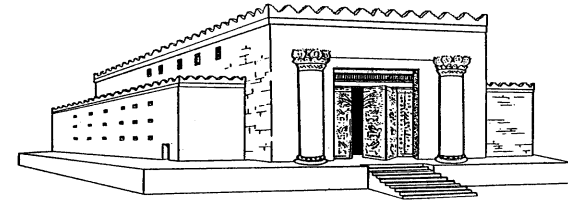
*Today's Scripture*  
Old Testament Lesson: I Kings 8:1-15  
New Testament Lesson: John 2:13-22

*Sermon*

“Eyes Up”

Psalm 123

*John van Rij, seminary intern, preaching*



The picture here is a reconstruction of the Old Testament temple built by King Solomon over a period of seven years around 960 B.C. This sketch hardly does justice to the real thing. The building where the living God was met was an awesome piece of artistry: massive olive wood doors with carved angels, flowers, and palm trees overlaid with gold; the whole interior of the inner sanctuary covered with gold; two angels carved out of olive wood, each fifteen feet high; and on and on. God intended it to be a place of beauty—and it was!

Here's a suggestion: Spend some time meditating on 1 Kings 6, 7, 8 this week and ask yourself the question: if the true temple of God is Jesus Christ, what was God trying to teach us in making the Old Covenant temple so beautiful? Psalm 27:4 gives us a hint:

**One thing I ask of the Lord,  
this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.**

God's temple is Christ. That is where we must go to meet God: to Christ. And who can plumb the depths of the beauty of the character of the man, Jesus, as we encounter him in the four gospels?

But coming to Christ we see something more than that he is the True Temple, the One in whom God dwells. We see also that Christ draws up into his beauty all who are his followers—all who are baptized into him and who trust him and love him. He, in turn, makes *them* a temple, fit for his presence as the glory-laden God of all things who laid down his life to rescue us. Try meditating this week on Ephesians 2:19-22 and let it teach you to think highly of yourself and your brothers and sisters in the Lord as the very temple of God.

Even in our society, which we like to think of as classless, you can tell something of the wealth of people by the richness of the homes they live in. In the same way, God, wanting us to know that Christ is the fount and source of all that is beautiful and all that is rich, had Solomon build him a magnificent house to prefigure his Son. And this lordly One, is the same one who loves you and me, little people that we are, *and lives in us.*

—Ron Lutjens

