

*Makarios Darawi, Pastor*  
*Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist*

11:00 A.M.

March 27, 2011

*We welcome all who are worshipping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.*

**PRELUDE**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMNS & SONGS** – #51 “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name” (Vv. 1,2,3)  
#85 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (Vv. 1,2,3)

**\*UNISON READING** – Revelation 19: 1-9

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting; “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” And again they shouted: “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.” The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: “Amen, Hallelujah!” Then a voice came from the throne, saying: “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!” Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” Then the angel said to me, “Write: “Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

**PRAYER**

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**ENGLISH MESSAGE:** Revelation 1-3

“The Biggest Party Ever”

**SANCTUARY CHOIR**  
**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**  
**OFFERING** – offertory music

**ARMENIAN MESSAGE:** Revelation 1-3

“The Biggest Party Ever”

**REMINDERS**

**\*HAYR MER** – #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Park K'ez D'ber, Asdvadz M'ber”**  
**POSTLUDE**

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**\*Congregation is requested to stand**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY** is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Bob and Gayaneh Kachadourian in memory of Gohar Kahanbabaian.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** There will be a special Congregational meeting on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> following the morning worship service.

**THE CHOIR** will have a rehearsal this Thursday, March 31, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please attend if you will be singing with us for the Good Friday worship service."

**SCHOLARSHIP.** The A.C.C. provides scholarships through its Educational Fund for fulltime college and university students of the church community. For an application please call the church office.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

Pray for Japan (earthquake, tsunami), for the Middle East (civil unrest), and for the E.A.C.H campaign [www.eachtoday.com](http://www.eachtoday.com)

**Synopsis of the Messages**

God lost something, and He wants it back. That's the theme from Genesis to Revelation. The Father created a bride for the Son. In Eden, that bride was seduced away by a deceiver. But the Son came into that Garden and vowed to fight to win back His precious bride. And that's what the whole Bible is: The story of the Son's fight to recapture His bride. When that battle is over, when every last person who will come back to the Son has come back, the Father will throw the biggest party ever – a wedding party. Way back in the Old Testament book of Isaiah, 700 years before Christ, God started talking about this party:

***“On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (25:6-8)***

When this party happens, death is dead. Tears are gone. Sadness and mourning have no place at the table. It will be time to celebrate, because the search and rescue mission has been completed. People from every tribe and tongue and nation will party with God.

Fast-forward 700 years to Jesus. He talked a lot about this big party. Remember the parable of the Prodigal Son? Jesus ended that parable by describing a big party the father throws when the lost son comes home. It's an integral part of the story. Everything is headed toward a massive celebration. The story of the Bible ends with a party! All of human history is moving toward this one event – the wedding supper of the Lamb. Everything that stands in the way of that is being removed. It's the only thing that really matters to God the Father – the wedding supper for the Son and His bride. You can read about it in the closing chapters of Revelation, 21 and 22. It's an incredible place. It's a glorious new heavens and a new earth. There is no longer any darkness; no longer any death, no longer any mourning or crying or pain. There is no longer a terrifying sea; no longer a sun. The Lamb and His bride will light the place up!

The purpose of this series has been to show you the theological foundation for E.A.C.H. I hope you get it now. God lost something, and He wants it back. This is why we join the Son of God in the great mission of seeking and saving that which was lost. This is why we, the servants of the King, run out to the streets to invite anyone who will to come to the party He is throwing for His Son! This is the reason behind E.A.C.H. – because God wants every human being at this party. He desires for all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1Timothy 2:4). He desires that none should perish, but that all should come home to Him (2Peter 3:9). **GOD LOVES EVERY LOST PERSON ON THIS PLANET!**

But, Paul asks, “How will they hear about Him, if no one tells them” (Romans 10:14)? This is our mandate. This is our mission. To live for what matters to our Bridegroom, Jesus. His bride. The Church. And the perfecting of His bride in preparation for that day. That's why E.A.C.H. matters so much. We're playing a role in the story of the ages, the greatest love story ever told.

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