



BOLD
Women's
SUNDAY

February 24, 2019

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
38801 Blacow Road
Fremont, CA 94536
Church: (510) 793-6285

February 24, 2019
8:45 AM Service – Epiphany 07
Ministers: The People of Holy Trinity
Web Site: holytrinityfremont.org

Welcome! Enter with Prayer - Worship in Awe - Leave to Serve.
All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

Bold Women's Day, observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February, celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ. Are you bold?

A Story that Invites Us

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

BOLD WOMEN'S DAY . . . *Cheryl Hall*

Please Stand

P: The light of our Savior is with you all.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise with hope, and shine with love!

All: Shine forth with the wisdom of God!

L: Arise with mercy, and shine with grace!

All: Live in righteousness and peace.

L: Arise with justice, and shine with compassion.

All: Radiate the brightness of Christ!

LITANY OF BOLDNESS

P: Lord our God, we give thanks for the witness of bold women. In early times, today and into the future, bold women show us how to live as God's beloved children in God's beloved creation. We live into our baptismal call to work for justice and peace for all God's creatures. Together, we say:

All: Thank you, God!

L: O God of our ancestors, we remember the bold witness of our foremothers who paved the way for all women, lay and ordained.

All: We give you thanks, O God.

P: O Holy One, who breathes life into us all, we raise before you the bold women among us today.

All: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For those who pray, for those who parent, for those who study, for those who advocate,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

P: For those who laugh, for those who share, for those who extend hospitality, for those who smile,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

L: O Gracious One, forgive us when we are too timid to live up to the boldness you have placed within us.

All: We pray to you, O God.

P: O Gracious One, enable us to recognize, honor and support the boldness you have placed within others.

All: We pray to you, O God.

L: O God of infinite possibility, grant to us all the opportunity to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ.

All: Hear our prayer.

P: *O God of abundant life, grant to us all emotional, physical and spiritual wholeness so that we might best serve others in your name.*

All: Hear our prayer.

L: O God of strength, give us courage, hope and open hearts, that we might experience expanding possibilities and grow through change.

All: Hear our prayer.

L: Each of us has been surrounded by bold women on our way, if only we look for them. For whom do you thank the Lord today? Name her aloud and let us thank God for her witness.

Here members of the congregation may speak the names of bold women out loud.

L: Together, we say:

All: Thank you, God!

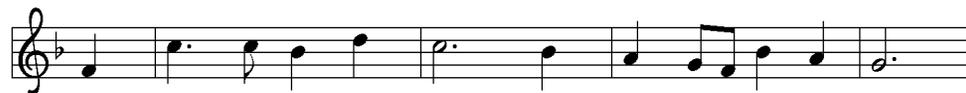
P: *Thank you, God, for the witness of all bold women yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We praise you for their witness to your love and mercy. Strengthen us to live out our baptismal call to serve you and our neighbor with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.*

All: Thank you, God! Alleluia, Amen.



HYMN . . . "Oh, Praise the Gracious Power" vs. 1, 3, 6

Text: Thomas H. Troeger - Tune: Carol Doran - ELW #651



1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source, praise Christ the cru - ci - fied:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

INVOCATION

P: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

All: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. God of tender care, like a mother, you never forget your children, and you know already what we need.

All: In all our anxiety give us trusting and faithful hearts, that in confidence and boldness we may embody the peace and justice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . "If We Believe that Jesus Died"

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

READING . . . 2 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

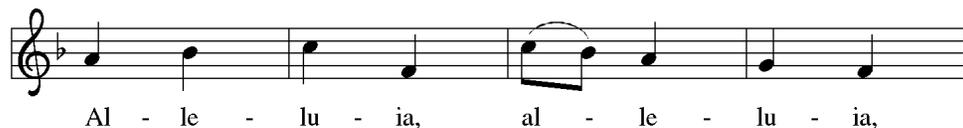
For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



P: *The Holy Gospel according to the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew.*

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL . . . *Matthew 28:1-10*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: *The gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Libby Denton*

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY . . . "For All the Faithful Women" vs. 1, 2, last

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. - Tune: Finnish folk tune - ELW #419



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,
Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . *Bold Women*

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Come into Christ's light with your gifts.

All: They need not be gold or precious oil. Gifts of love and compassion are the greatest treasures of all.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" vs. 1

Text: Robert L. Edwards -Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry- Cranberry Book #678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Generous God, you shower us with blessings and call us to share.

All: Thank you for this opportunity to shine your light into the world through our work of justice and compassion. We pray and live in the name of your true light, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: God of Generations, we celebrate the lives of the women who fought the good fight and stood up for the Gospel and the truth of Scripture, yesterday and today. Strengthen our voice of proclamation. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of Life, we give thanks for the bold women among us today who serve with a sense of holy purpose in their vocations as daughters, mothers, grandmothers, sisters and mothers. Empower us by faith and bless our vocations at home and in the church. Inspire us to encourage one another in fellowship, laughter, hospitality and sharing. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Loving God, we pray for the men throughout the ages who support and encourage women in their quest to use their God-given gifts for your purpose. Give us courage to work together as equals to proclaim your grace and hope. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: O God our Greatest Friend, surround us with your love and affirmation through the kindness of others, be they friend or stranger, young or old. Give us eyes to see the love you lavish on all your people. Make us bold to speak your truth and act on behalf of your kingdom with courage and strength of purpose. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of Understanding, give us courage to stand up for the abused, the needy, the sick, the poor and the stranger. We pray for those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, that you might bring healing and comfort. Inspire us to be your hands to provide for those in need as we are able. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: In your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

L: Holy God of the Universe, throughout history you have given us the courage to form and re-form your church against all odds and into pathways as yet unknown. By your Spirit and in unexpected ways, you have brought us to this place in the circle of your love. Guide our ways that we may grow in faith and hope.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: Blessed are you God of promise. From the beginning you have shown people what could be.

All: in the promise to Sarah and Abraham,

L: in the words of Moses and Aaron,

All: in the dance and song of Miriam,

L: in the faithful relationship of Ruth and Naomi,

All: in the dreams of Joseph.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Through Jesus you once again showed us what could be. He healed the ill, to show the power of your healing love, and to free them from their brokenness. He ate with women and men who were rejected and despised by others, to show us the expansiveness of your welcoming love, and to free them from the pain of alienation. At such a meal, on the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the

forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, and upon us, your gathered community.

All: Empower us, feed us by your body and blood to be your body in the world: to feed the hungry, to heal the broken and stop the torture, to welcome the hurt and marginalized, to be as Christ to one another.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: Come to the joyful meal of the God of Light, who welcomes all.

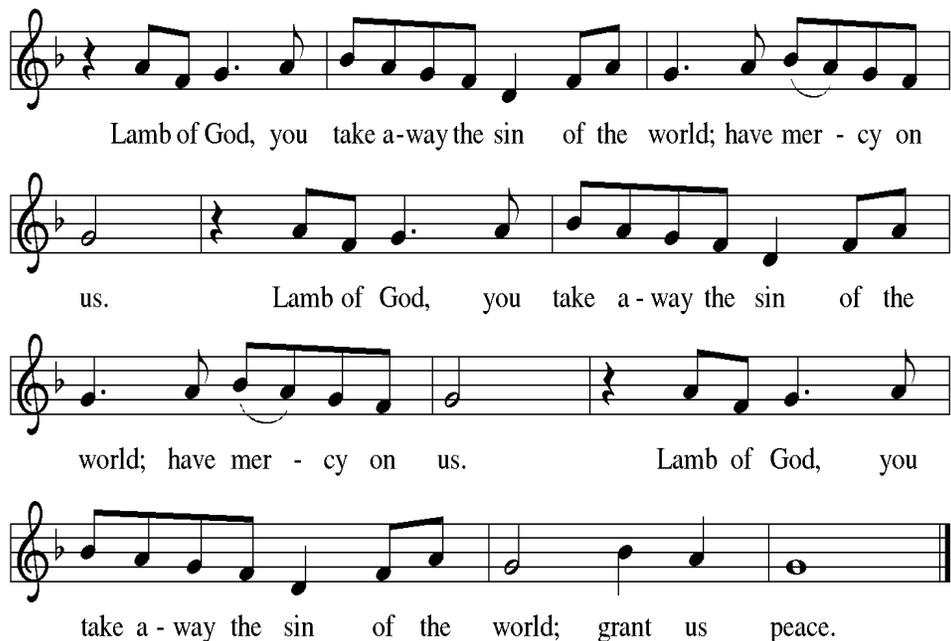
All: For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.



LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

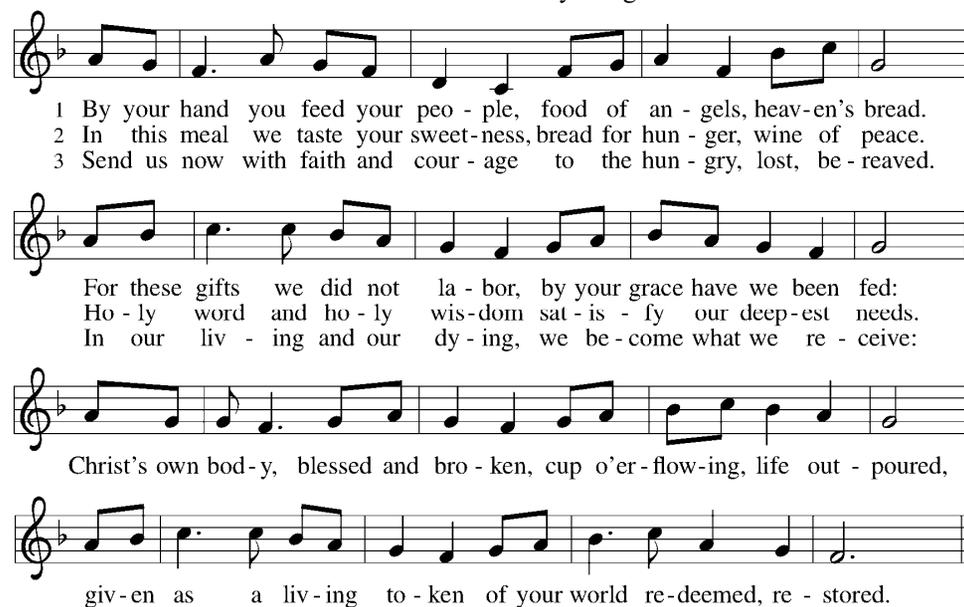
Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.
Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

Text: Susan R. Briehl- Tune: Marty Haugen - ELW #469



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,
giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . "I Received the Living God"

Text: & Tune: Anonymous - ELW #477

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

1 Je - sus said: I am the bread knead - ed long to give you life;
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; if you fol - low close to me,
4 Je - sus said: I am the life far from whom no thing can grow,

Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
you will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ.

All: As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated



Please Stand

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: You are the light of the world!

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and love of God.

P: Take that light into all the places that need the light and grace of Jesus Christ.

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

P: Go and be the light of the world!

All: Amen!

SENDING SONG . . . “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
vs. 2, 3

Text: Tom Colvin - Tune: Ghanaian folk tune - ELW #708

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;

Refrain
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be bold in Christ’s love

All: Thanks be to God.