



*Do not let your hearts
be troubled...*

JOHN 14:27, NRSV

May 10, 2020

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

May 10, 2020
5th Sunday of Easter
Ministers: The People of Holy Trinity
Web Site: holytrinityfremont.org

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. We are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

[Click here for a video of the full service.](#)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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.

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

All: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Spirit of life and love, we gather together in different ways
this morning,

All: from computer screens and from telephones;

L: We gather, reaching out across the wires, waving from a
safe distance,

All: to come together in faith community.

L: From living room to front porch to car seat, we gather as
we are able, ready to be of service to each other and the
world,

**All: Ready to build the community of hope and of love, as
we face this bright morning.**

L: We are apart, but we are together, offering our love, our
commitment, our hope and our prayers, in service to one
another and this world.

**All: It is a new way, but an old way, that we come together
in worship today.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*P: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in
us.*

**All: But when we confess our distractions, our errors, and
our anxieties, God meets us and renews us.**

*P: Before God and God's people, we confess that we have
been reluctant to speak out clearly,*

All: naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision.

P: Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance

**All: to receive our calling as God's people, made by God
and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and
joy.**

*P: Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service
and recharge us with your Word.*

**All: Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way
of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.**

Silence for Reflection

P: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours.

All: That promise comes true now. In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

INVOCATION

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life is with you all.

All: And also with you.

A KYRIE DURING QUARANTINE

L: Seeking peace in a broken world, but also knowing God's peace through God's presence, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: Seeking peace in suffering, illness, and pain, but also feeling God's peace through healing, prayer, and those who help, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: Seeking peace through our distress, depression, isolation, and fear, but also feeling God's peace through the words of loved ones and the hope we see in the world, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: Seeking peace through the pain of worshipping separately, longing for our holy community to be gathering, but also feeling peace through God's presence with each of us as we worship together distantly, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, loving Lord.

All: We need you now, as we have needed you every day. We cannot live without you. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

All: Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL

L: Listen for the word that stands the test of time. Listen for the word that lives and moves among us.

All: We will listen for the word that God is speaking to us this day.

GOSPEL . . . John 14:1-14

Jesus said to the disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The

words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

L: Keeper of our souls, when we go astray, help us return to you, shepherd and guardian.

All: **May the words we have heard resonate within us like a drum in the valley, and may its echo never fade. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

A BLESSING FOR ALL WOMEN WHO NURTURE

P: Gracious God, in love you have given us the gift of mothers and those women who nurture.

All: **Grant to each of them your power and grace.**

P: Strengthen them in their loving with tenderness and understanding, with compassion and joy.

All: **Endow them with wisdom and knowledge so that they might teach all children how to live and love;**

P: how to seek and pursue that which is right and true;

All: **how to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong.**

P: Deepen their own faith so that they might instill in all a love for you that will sustain and keep them their whole life long.

All: **We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways.

All: Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

All: God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, 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: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: Once we weren't a people, but now we are God's people.

All: God's face shines on us. God's faithful love saves us.

P: This news is too good to keep to ourselves.

All: Everywhere we go, we will share the good news of God's amazing grace.

DISMISSAL

L: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

SINGING BOWL

Pastor: Tim Huff
Lay Liturgist & Lector: Steve Guerzon and Pamela Metcalf
Music: Leilani Camara and Dean Sieglaff
Video Editing: Carmen Blair

