



**Blessed  
are you**

**when people hate you,  
and when they exclude you,  
revile you,  
and defame you  
on account of the  
Son of Man.**

***Luke 6:  
22-23***

**Rejoice  
in that day**

**and leap for joy,  
for surely your reward  
is great in heaven;  
for that is what  
their ancestors did  
to the prophets.**

**Sermon on the Plain**

**February 13, 2022**

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

February 13, 2022  
10 AM Service – Epiphany 6  
Ministers: The People of Holy Trinity  
Web Site: holytrinityfremont.org

---

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed ones” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

---

## GATHERING

---

### 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 . . . “Rise and Sing”

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you're alive and you've been redeemed  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing  
If you've been touched by the mercy King  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you were bound but now you're free  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing  
Lift up a shout of victory  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
the Glory of our God and King  
Everybody Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If in your heart rings a melody  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing  
If you have tasted and have seen  
Rise and Sing  
Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
the Glory of our God and King

Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
the Glory of our God and King  
Everybody Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Let the redeemed of the Lord sing hallelujah (hallelujah)  
Let the redeemed of the Lord sing our God reigns (our God reigns)

Let the redeemed of the Lord sing hallelujah (hallelujah)  
Let the redeemed of the Lord sing our God reigns (our God reigns)

Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
the Glory of our God and King

Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
the Glory of our God and King  
Everybody Rise and Sing

## **WELCOME**

Please Stand

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Poor or despairing, come to be blessed.

**All: Hungry or tired, come to be restored.**

L: Sorrowing or sighing, come to discover joy.

**All: Bring your tired, your poor.**

L: Share your hopes, your dreams.

**All: Embrace your doubts, your fears.**

L: Come as you are.

**All: All are welcome here.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign that is marked at baptism

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us,  
redeems us, and calls us by name.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one  
another.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: Most merciful God,*

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

*P: Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. We are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.*

**All: We will live as freed and forgiven children of God. Amen.**

## **ENTRANCE HYMN . . . “10,000 Reasons - Bless the Lord”**

*Chorus:*

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

*Verse 1:*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Chorus*

*Verse 2:*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Chorus:*

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

*Verse 3:*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Chorus*

*Chorus*

*Ending:*

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

## **GREETING**

*P: Creator God, you know us better than we can know ourselves.*

**All: You understand our thoughts, our desires, our joys, and our struggles.**

*P: You call to us,*

**All: inviting us to listen to your word.**

*P: You speak your word,*

**All: calling us into a deeper relationship with you.**

*P: Open our hearts,*

**All: that we may hear you clearly.**

*P: Strengthen our spirit,*

**All: that we may have the courage to answer your call.**

*P: Be present in this time of worship*

**All: and draw us closer to you.**

**PRAYER . . . “Bless the Peacemakers” by John Birch**

L: Bless those who are peacemakers  
From all creeds and cultures  
All who bring no other agenda  
Than to see neighbor and stranger  
Live together as one community

**All: Bless the peacemakers  
Strengthen and bless them**

L: Bless those who are comforters  
Shoulders to cry upon  
Willing ears to listen  
A present help in times  
Of despair and hopelessness

**All: Bless the peacemakers  
Strengthen and bless them**

L: Bless those who are healers  
Of physical injury  
And deeper hurts  
Whose touch brings relief  
From trauma and pain  
Who brings compassion

**All: Bless the peacemakers  
Strengthen and bless them**

L: We give thanks for all your servants and sing your  
praise...

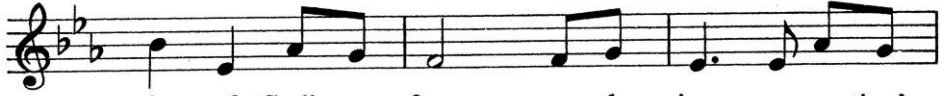
SING  
SONGS  
OF PRAISE



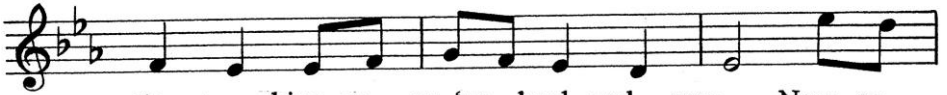
# HYMN OF MORNING PRAISE



All: 1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing  
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the



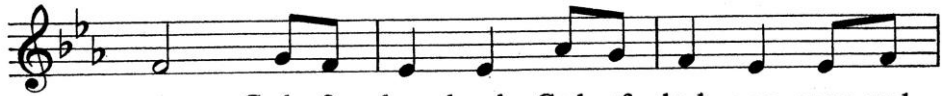
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and



sto - ry shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that



we to - ge - ther wor - ship, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the day with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us



light our hearts a - new. \_\_\_\_\_  
free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine and disease. We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice, conflict and self-interest. We confess that our hearts also suffer with anger, resentment and jealousy.

All: **Renew us in Your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of Your abundant love. Awaken us to the**



**role we can play in healing Your creation. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit to hear Your word and move forward in faith. Amen.**

Be Seated

---

**WORD**

---

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Reader: Holy God, you speak to us in Scripture and in prayers, in sunrises and sunsets, in friends and in strangers, in dreams and in songs.

**All: You are speaking all the time, and how often do we miss it?**

Reader: Still our minds so that we can listen with a depth that we have not heard before.

**All: Still our hearts so that we can receive with open arms what it is you are offering us today.**

Reader: We know you are speaking,

**All: so we are listening.**

Reader: The reading for today is from First Corinthians, chapter fifteen, beginning with the twelfth verse.

**READING . . . 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we

have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: Word of God, word of light.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

## ALLELUIA VERSE

*All:*

My — soul pro - claims your  
great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
you, You have looked with love on your  
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through. *fine last time*  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

*P:* The holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter six,  
beginning with the seventeenth verse.

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

**GOSPEL . . . Luke 6:17-26**

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what  
their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Be Seated

**MESSAGE . . .** *Pastor Tim*

---

**MEAL**

---

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

L: The Divine Deliverer of compassion and care is calling  
us to serve, and to share our talents and treasures for the  
good of God’s realm.

**All: No matter how we have fallen short in the past, God’s  
grace assures us a variety of gifts to contribute.**

**OFFERING SONG . . .** *“You Are My All in All”*

You are my strength when I am weak;  
You are the treasure that I seek.  
You are my all in all  
Seeking you as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.  
You are my all in all.

*Chorus:*

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name

Taking my sin, my cross my shame,  
Rising again, I bless your name  
You are my all in all

When I fall down, you pick me up;  
When I am dry, you fill my cup.  
You are my all in all.

*Chorus 2X*

Please Stand

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: Blessed God, with these gifts, bring food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and comfort to the sorrowful.

**All: Bless these gifts and our very lives, that we may be blessings of hope for your world.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## THE EUCHARIST

L: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love

**All: we remember your mighty acts.**

L: You created a world that was good.

**All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.**

L: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

**All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.**

*P: Shame has chained us, holding us back from inclusive tables.*

**All: Shame has driven us from sanctuaries and gatherings.**

*P: No longer. Guilt will not prevent us from seeing God's grace.*

**All: In this space, all are welcome.**

*P: At this table, no lips are too unclean, no hearts are too tarnished, no past too corrupt to receive the gift of God's grace. Through this table of bread and cup, we look toward the future with hope. We are reminded that our past lies behind us, that the grace of God has overcome*

*our fears and our indiscretions. Through Christ's great love, we are no longer afraid of the future. Through Christ's gracious meal, we are provided a second chance.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord 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 for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he 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."*

*Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*P: We recall the words and blessings of Jesus each time we unite at his table.*

**All: We remember the gifts of Jesus the Christ each time we wake to a new day and step into his renewed future.**

*P: May the Spirit of God bless the great table of Christ. May the Spirit of God help us recognize God's grace in the breaking of the bread and in the pouring of the cup.*

**All: May the Spirit of God encourage us to embrace our divine callings, as we all work to create God's realm here on earth.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation which is most familiar to each of 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: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.*

**All: For this meal we give thanks!**

Be Seated

Holy Communion is open to all.

Please try to keep distance between you and others.

Come forward up the center aisle to receive the individually packaged elements from Pastor Tim, then return to your seat down the side aisles. Please wait until you return to your seat to open the communion elements. Separate and remove the clear top seal to access the wafer, then remove the foil layer to access the grape juice. The ushers will come around to collect the empties.

## **COMMUNION SONG . . . “Communion”**

*Chorus:*

This is the body  
This is the blood  
Broken and poured out  
For all of us  
In this communion  
We share in His love  
This is the body  
This is the blood

*Verse 1:*

I will remember ev'rything Lord  
That You've done for me  
I won't take for granted the sacrifice  
That set me free  
I hunger and thirst for Your love  
Come fill me today

*Chorus*



*Bridge:*

We hunger and thirst for Your love  
And Your righteousness  
We long for Your presence here Lord  
Be with us again

*Chorus*

This is the body  
This is the blood  
This is the body  
This is the blood

## **SINGING BOWL**

Please Stand

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*P: May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you unto eternal life. Live in forgiveness. Claim your wholeness. Dwell in peace.*

**All: Amen.**

Be Seated

---

**Sending**

---



## Please Stand

### FINAL BLESSING

*P: In work and worship*

**All: God is with us.**

*P: Gathered and scattered*

**All: God is with us.**

*P: Now and always*

**All: God is with us.**

*P: God is with you – of whom shall you be afraid? May you go out into the world filled with the Spirit of the God who made you, loves you, and empowers you to live fiercely.*

**All: Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN . . . “Big House”

*Verse 1:*

I don't know where you lay your head,  
Or where you call your home  
I don't know where you eat your meals or  
where you talk on the phone  
I don't know if you have cook, a butler, or a maid  
I don't know if you've got a yard with a hammock in the shade

*Verse 2:*

I don't know if you got some shelter, say a place to hide  
I don't know if you live with friends in whom you can confide  
I don't know if you got a fam'ly say a mom or dad  
I don't know if you feel love at all but I bet you wish you had

*Chorus:*

Come and go with me to my Father's house  
Come and go with me to my Father's house  
It's a big, big house with lots and lots of room  
A big, big table with lots and lots of food  
A big, big yard where we can play football  
A big, big house...it's my Father's house

*Verse 3:*

All I know is a big ol' house with room for ev'ry one  
All I know is a-lots of land where we can play and run  
All I know is that you need love and I've got a family  
All I know is you're still alone, so why not come along with me?

*Chorus (clap)*

*Repeat Chorus*

## **SENDING**

**L:** Go in peace. Be the light of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Help our local food pantries - place  
your donations in the soup pots!  
Then join us for nachos on the patio!!**



Service of Light used by Permission Copyright 1990 by G.I.A.  
Publications, Inc. International Copyright Secured

