

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 38801 Blacow Road Fremont, CA 94536 Church: (510) 793-6285

April 17, 2022 10 AM Easter Sunday Ministers: The People of Holy Trinity

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#### Welcome!

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

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### 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** . . . "How Beautiful"

Myrna Emata Diaz: piano, alto;Kathleen Keating: flute, soprano; Dean Sieglaff: tenor

#### Please Stand

## **WELCOME**

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

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All: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed.

P: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed.

P: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Savior is with us now and always. Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This day is not like any other day.

All: Today we slow down.
L: Today we take it all in.

All: Today we rest in good news.

L: This day is not like any other day.

All: Today we are singing.

L: Today we are full to the brim.

All: Today joy cannot be contained.

L: This day is not like any other day.

All: Today the stone was rolled away.

L: Today the women saw the empty grave.All: Today we know—death does not win.

L: This day is not like any other day.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: I invite you to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:

Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



#### BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE



#### LIGHTING THE NEW FIRE

P: Children of our Living Redeemer, on this most holy morning when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection; share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

All: Amen. Alleluia!

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world.

All: Inflame us with a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, the Son of righteousness. Amen.

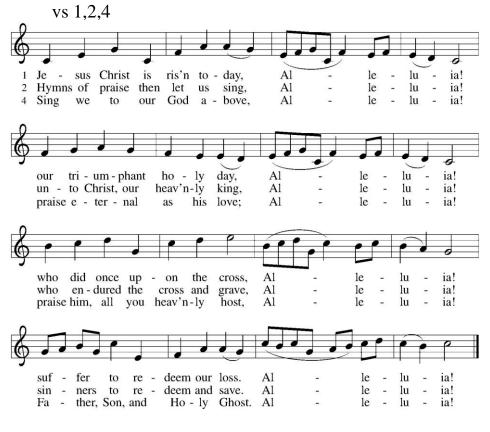
P: Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end. To Christ belongs time and eternity; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever.

All: Amen.

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

All: Amen. Alleluia.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!"



## **INVOCATION**

- P: Loving God, as the day begins to brighten, shine your light into our lives. Chase the corners of sadness, expose our fears and bring us to the light of new hope, the dawn of possibility.
- All: Open us to your resurrection power that knows no boundaries. Fill us with incredible joy, everlasting peace and unquenchable hope this day and always. In the name of Jesus, the Resurrected One. Amen.



## **EASTER LITANY** . . . by Roddy Hamilton

L: When the day is quiet and the world still sleeps and the morning is crisp,

All: we praise you, O God of resurrection.

L: When the time is now and the moment is on us and the place is here and the grave clothes are folded,

All: we praise you, O God of renewal.

L: When the day is new and the sun is fresh and the light is clean and the stone has rolled,

All: we praise you, O God of empty tombs.

L: Now we see the world differently.

All: What we thought was the way of things yesterday is no longer the way of things today.

L: Death was yesterday,

All: new life is today.

L: Tombs were sealed,

All: now they are open.

L: Love was dead,

All: now is alive again.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: This is the day of new life.

All: Christ has broken free from death.

L: This is the day of limitless opportunity.

All: The power that was nailed to the Cross has been released.

L: This is the day of renewed community.

All: In worship and through service, we are one in Jesus Christ.

L: This is the day of wonderful celebration.

All: God's love has suffered but won through; God's love is forever with us and for us!

L: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Amen.

#### Be Seated

**CHOIR ANTHEM** . . . "While Christ Lay Dead / This Joyful Eastertide"

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Risen Christ, the early disciples witnessed your acts

of loving kindness and your ministry of peace.

All: As we hear your story anew, prepare our hearts to

share the glory of Easter with the world. Amen.

Reader: The reading for today is from Acts, chapter ten,

beginning with the thirty-fourth verse.

## **READING** . . . Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word,

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Please Stand

P: The Easter Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

All: Glory be to you, O Creator.

#### **EASTER GOSPEL** . . . Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P: May this powerful Easter story inspire us to proclaim our faith. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Be Seated

#### CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Carmen Blair

#### Please Stand



### Be Seated

#### **AN EASTER MESSAGE** . . . Pastor Tim



#### Please Stand

#### **EASTER AFFIRMATION**

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: On this day of joy and light, during this celebration of hope and rebirth,

All: may we give from our abundance in order to extend Christ's love to a weary world.

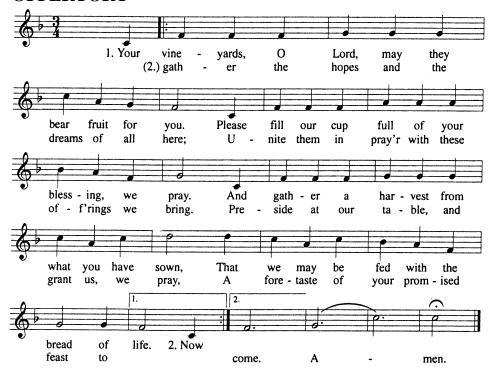
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### THANKFUL OFFERING . . .

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#### **OFFERTORY**



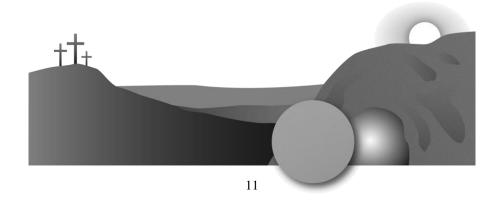
## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: God of joyful surprises, with laughter in our hearts and songs on our lips,

All: may our lives reflect the glory of this day.

L: Receive our offerings in the name of your Son,

All: the source of our joy and strength, that they may be for the world your Easter light and life. Amen.



#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world. Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way. Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

All: Amen.



#### CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Open up your hearts.

All: We open them to our Creator.

L: Let us give thanks and celebrate.

All: It is good to do so.

P: God, you created everything. You make it good and beautiful.

All: You make bread for our food and wine for us to celebrate.

P: You celebrate when you create and fill the earth with your splendor.

All: Fill our hearts with the same joy as we celebrate your resurrection.

P: Jesus, our healer, you came into our broken world.

All: You were broken for us in order that we might be healed.

*P*: You rose from the grave to unleash new life in the world.

All: Fill our lives with the same life as we celebrate your resurrection.

P: We are bold to ask this of you because on the night you were betrayed, you sat with your disciples, took bread, said blessing, broke the bread and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body given for you."

All: Feed us with your healing body now.

P: Then you took the cup, said a blessing, and gave it to your disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Each time you do this, do it in remembrance of me."

All: Revive us with your life-giving blood.

P: Holy Spirit, you bring us together to sing and love and celebrate the Risen Messiah.

All: Fill our spirits with the same hope of a day when all things will be together.

#### 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: We come to God's table, remembering that this is the Easter table of abundance for all.

All: We come, knowing that all are welcome and all things are made ready for us in Christ Jesus.

#### Be Seated

Holy Communion is open to all. Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

## For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to dop the wafer into, then take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

## For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come down the center aisle, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake, or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance.

The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

## **COMMUNION HYMN** . . . "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!"



# **COMMUNION HYMN** . . . "I Know that My Redeemer





- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

#### SINGING BOWL

## Please Stand



#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Open the gates of your hope and truth, O God.

All: Open our ears to hear your voice, when you call us by name.

P: Open our minds to recognize your presence in the bread and wine and as you walk beside us.

All: Live in us, that we may be signs of life and love for a world shrouded in sorrow and fear.

#### POST COMMUNION LITANY

L: Sing praises to God, you faithful. Weeping may linger for a night.

All: But joy comes in the morning.

L: Bare is the cross of our Savior against the sky.

All: Empty, the tomb.

L: Are you ready to tell the world what you have seen and heard?

All: Bless us, O God, that our lives may witness to our risen Savior.

Be Seated

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Please Stand

#### **BLESSING**

P: With Mary and the disciples and all those who live in Christ,

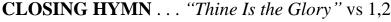
All: let us rejoice that we have seen our Savior, who is not dead, but lives.

P: In the love of the Creator; in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: let us go forth to love and serve the world.

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Amen.





Be Seated

# **CHOIR ANTHEM** . . . "Hallelujah Chorus" organ – Myrna Emata Diaz; piano – Michael Keating

#### **DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go

in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** . . . "Carillon" – Myrna Emata Diaz

No formal ushering out.



Please stay for an Easter Breakfast immediately following the service.

The Egg Hunt will begin at 11:30 am.

Visitors, please sign our Guest Book and visit our website —

www.holytrinityfremont.org



#### EASTER GARDEN

Thanks to all who contributed plants, including:

Joann Anderson in memory of Richard Charles Anderson,
Elmer and Violet Anderson, and Ralph and Marilyn Wieters
Carmen Blair in memory of Ed Blair and Grandparents
Leilani Camara and Dean Sieglaff
Sharon Chu in honor of Lorene Lee
Di Paola Family in memory of Susan Morgan
Cheryl Hall – Child of God
Harren Family in memory of James Lehman
Keith Hillesland and Richard Taylan in memory of
Harold Hillesland and Bill Hopkins
Huff Family in honor of our families
and in memory of our grandparents

Cheryl Kuhlmann Terri MacFarlane

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Bertha Van Dusen in memory of Vern and Michael Van Dusen John and Faye Williams

