

June 23, 2024

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 38801 Blacow Road Fremont, CA 94536 Church: (510) 793-6285 June 23, 2024 10 AM – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Ministers: The People of HTLC & HRLC Web Site: holytrinityfremont.org

If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's vision, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

#### WELCOME TO THE STORY

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

# 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**

#### WELCOME

#### Please Stand

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: Like Christ, who says, "Peace!" in the middle of the storm, may our greetings bring peace to the spirits of our neighbors. The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

Please safely share the peace with one another.

#### **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

*P:* Holy Generosity of Spirit, you are the fountain of salvation.

All: From your love, we see peace and comfort.

P: We yearn to extend the beauty of your grace to our neighbors,

All: instead of hoarding it for ourselves.

P: We long to remove the obstacles to your care from neighbors that need a helping hand,

All: even when it requires heavy lifting.

P: We seek to offer mercy to all your children,

All: even when our struggles cloud our vision.

P: Open our hearts to the needs of our neighbors that we may be agents of your grace

All: and messengers of your peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: From the great fountain of salvation, find peace in God's grace. Even amidst the hardships and storms of life, God's love carries us to safe harbors.

All: We will receive the unconditional love of God with hearts filled with joy. Amen.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Put your trust in God, who knows our names.

All: The Holy One does not forsake those who seek God.

L: Be gracious to us, Holy One.

All: For you are the One who lifts us from the storm.

L: We praise you in every time in space.

All: We rejoice that your hand guides us.

# **OPENING HYMN:** "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

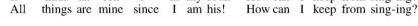




- 1 My life flows on in end less song;
- a bove earth's lam-en ta tion,
- 2 Through all the tu mult and the strife, 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
- I hear that mu-sic ring-ing. a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?





No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



## **GREETING**

P: Holy Breath of Life, we enter this space searching for sacred peace.

All: May the winds of this hour be quiet and calming.

P: May the waters of this day be as peaceful as a pond.

All: May our hearts find the tranquility we desire.

*P*: *May we fill the air with sweet songs of joy.* 

All: Amen.

#### LITANY OF PEACE

L: To honor you, O God,

All: we come before you to worship and praise.

L: Transform every moment of our lives,

All: into moments of worship and praise that honor you.

L: To be near you, Holy One,

All: we come into your presence with hope and prayer.

L: Transform our words and thoughts

All: into acts of prayers and thanksgiving that bring us ever close to you.

L: We want to be people of unity and peace.

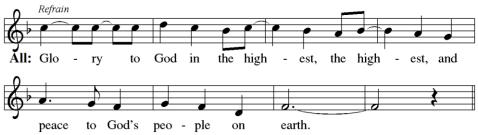
All: Transform our community with love that is boundless and with peace that passes all understanding.

L: That others may see us knit together as one,

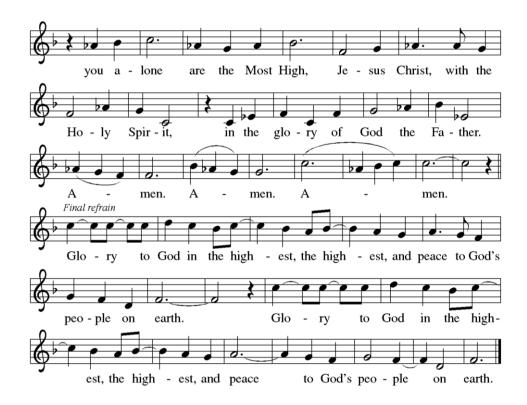
All: built on the foundation of Christ our Peace.

L: In your loving peace we sing...

# **HYMN OF PRAISE:** "Glory to God"







#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm.

All: By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

# The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

# INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: As we listen for the word of God,

All: may we be prepared to respond as inspired prophets, humble servants, and faithful disciples.

R: The first reading is from Second Corinthians, chapter six, beginning with the first verse.

#### **FIRST READING:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing

R: Here ends the reading.

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: May the graciousness of God open our hearts.

All: We place our trust in the One who never forsakes us.

R: May peace bless and strengthen our weary hearts.

All: We rest secure in the stillness of Christ.

R: God's wisdom will lead us this day and always.

All: Amen.

everything.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O God.

## **GOSPEL:** *Mark* 4:35-41

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*P*: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Be Seated

## **CHILDREN'S TIME** – Pastor Tim

#### Please Stand



Be Seated

# **MESSAGE** – Pastor Tim

# A Story that Feeds Us

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

- L: God's boundless generosity transcends the limits of this world and nudges us to fill our land with blessing.
- All: Through our energy, time, talents, and treasures, we usher God's peace into a world filled with storms and obstacles.

#### THANKFUL OFFERING

#### Please Stand

#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE



- Ac-cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up-on your ta-ble.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L: We are always rejoicing, Holy One, for your many gifts in our lives. Even when we have nothing, you make us feel as if we have everything.
- All: May these gifts usher peace into our world, that all may know of your love and touch your grace. Amen.



#### THE PRAYERS

L: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

# All: receive our prayer.

L: Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,

# All: receive our prayer.

L: Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

# All: receive our prayer.

L: Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

# All: receive our prayer.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayers.

L: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be;

All: from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity;

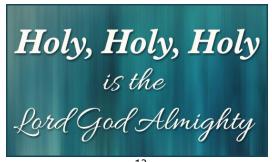
P: in all our storms you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

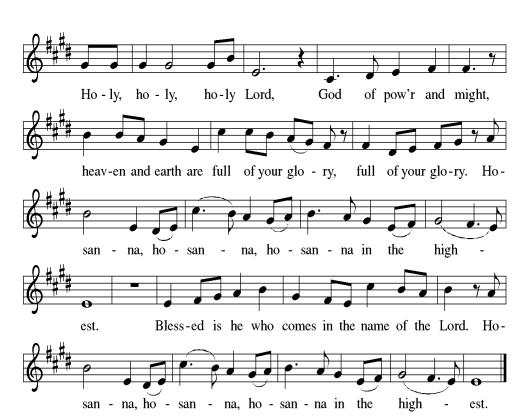
All: You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world;

P: he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us;

All: his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.

P: Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished, and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:





P: We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

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

- P: Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;
- All: we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.
- P: Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.
- All: We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.
- 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.

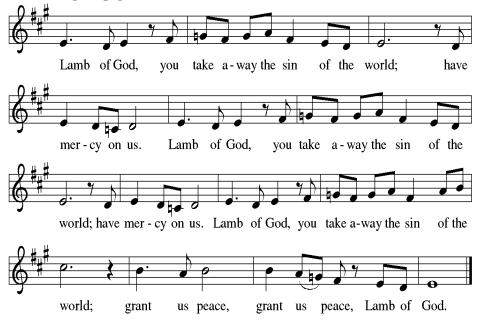
#### FRACTION RITE

- P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.
- All: May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.

#### Be Seated

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

## LAMB OF GOD



#### DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

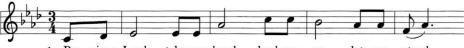
## For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.



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# **COMMUNION HYMN:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



- 1 Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
- 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin ger near, 3 When the dark ness ap pears and the night draws . . near,
- tired. I am am weak. am worn. when my life is al most . . gone, and the day is past and . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. my cry, hold my hand lest I fall. hear hear my call, at the riv er I stand, guide my feet. hold my hand.



**COMMUNION HYMN:** "Blessed Assurance"



- 1 Bless-ed as sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

#### SINGING BOWL

#### Please Stand

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with the yeast of your love.
- All: Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.
- P: As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.
- All: Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.
- P: Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.
- All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.
- All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Please Stand

# A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

#### BENEDICTION

*P*: May the breezes of the Spirit calm our hearts

as we share God's presence with the world. All:

*P*: May the peace of Christ pacify our engulfed minds

All: as we go to care for our neighbors.

*P*: The Holy One is our source of peace, today and

forevermore.

All: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN:** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"



with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy dis - miss us Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.





Ev - er faith-ful. ev - er faith-ful may we be found. to your truth

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve God's people.

Thanks be to God!

## **POSTLUDE**

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