

April 20, 2025

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9:30 AM Easter Sunday Ministers: The People of HTLC Web Site: holytrinityfremont.org

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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

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.

"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.

DRAMA: "My Redeemer Lives" from the musical Eyes of Faith by Steeve Moore and David T. Clydesdale

- HTLC Choir, Pastor Tim, Leah Keating

Please Stand

WELCOME

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

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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

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.

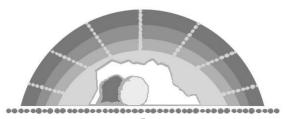
All: Inflame us with a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.

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 Toy

EASTER LITANY – written 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 Love is alive again.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Risen Christ, Savior of the world, breathe new life into us this day.

All: Inspire us with confidence and open our hearts anew, that we may receive the promise of resurrection.

L: Speak to us once more,

All: that we might hear your voice and recognize your presence in our midst.

L: From the darkness of doubt,

All: guide us into the glorious life of faith and love. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Be Seated

ANTHEM: "Christ Is Risen, Hallelujah/Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arr. Ron Mallory – HTLC Bell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

R: Hear now the good news of Easter.

All: It spreads throughout the world.

R: It began with Jesus' life, passion, and resurrection;

All: it continued with those who witnessed the risen Christ;

R: and now, it comes to us today, All: as we listen to God's word.

The first reading is from First Corinthians, chapter fifteen, beginning with the nineteenth verse.

READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If our hopes in Christ are limited to this life only, we are the most pitiable of the human race.

But as it is, Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

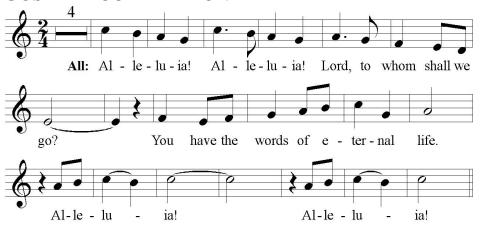
For since death came through one human being, in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one human being. Just as in the first human all die, so in Christ all will come to life again, but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the firstfruits, and then the faithful when Christ comes again. After that will come the end, when Christ hands over the kindom to God the Creator, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under Christ's foot, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

R: Holy wisdom, holy word,

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 the first sign of dawn, the women came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; but when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus.

While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee—that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again." With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them.

When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed

like nonsense and they refused to believe them. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

All: Christ is risen indeed!

GOSPEL RESPONSE



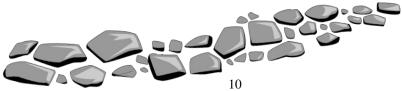
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CHILDREN'S TIME: "Stepping Stones to Easter"

- Carmen Blair

Please Stand





HYMN: "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" vs. 1.2.4 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to -2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er: Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us thrall. Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead! through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more; are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver We Grate-ful - lv our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears; death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now, the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased; bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears. gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow. res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast. hail the day of Refrain

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Ris - en our vic - to-rious head!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Be Seated

AN EASTER MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

Christ is ris - en!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

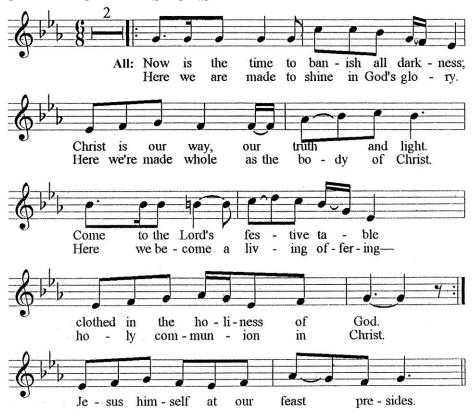
L: On this day of joy and light, during this celebration of hope and rebirth,

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

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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 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.

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.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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 drop the bread into, then take a cup of wine (red) grape juice (yellow) or water (center of tray) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.



LAMB OF GOD









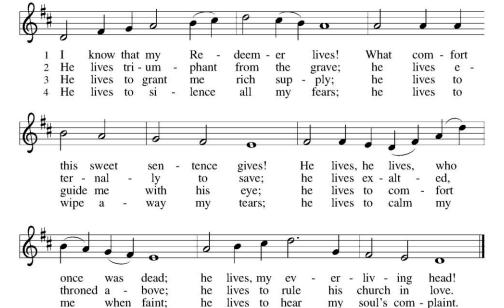


COMMUNION HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven



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COMMUNION HYMN: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"



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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.

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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!

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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.

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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: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

All: Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

POST COMMUNION LITANY

L: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.

All: With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.

L: Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

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.

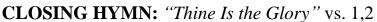
P: In the love of the Creator; in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the power of the Holy Spirit,

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

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed. Amen.







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

No formal ushering out.

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Scripture Readings from Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation, Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



Please stay for an Easter Breakfast immediately following the service.

The Egg Hunt will begin at 11 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 & Violet Anderson, and Ralph & Marilyn Wieters Carmen Blair in memory of Ed Blair and in honor of Karyl Blair Blevins Family in honor of Blevins and Maki Family Di Paola Family in memory of John & Janet Di Paola and Susan Morgan

Cindy Franco in honor of Mandy & Larry Franco Friends & Family in memory of Tom S The Harren Family in memory of Jim Lehman Gina Herman in memory of Susan Herman Brown Keith Hillesland and Richard Taylan in memory of Harold & Jeanne Hillesland

Huff Family in memory of our grandparents
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Carmen Jorgenson in memory of my husband Ted Jorgenson
and our parents

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