



Festival Service of Worship with Holy Communion

The First People of This Land: Honoring Our Native Neighbors

Southwest California Synod, ELCA

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Samuelson Chapel, California Lutheran University

OPENING MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL SONG

*Please stand as
you are able.*

ELW 837
Many and
Great, O God



Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com-mu - nion with you, O Star - a -



qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;



ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
your fin-gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with



ca - sbe - ya - wan-ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
life that has no . . . end, e - ter-nal life with you.

The people are seated.

PRAYER OF THE FOUR DIRECTIONS

Creator God, the strength of your people, we honor you. Listen to the thoughts of your people. Together let us hear the truth of your spirit as you call us to care for your creation. You have created all that we have; all that surrounds us: to the east, to the south, to the west and to the north. Together let us live by the ways you have entrusted to us within the circle of life. Come, Great Spirit, ☩ Triune God, be with us as we gather in your name. **Amen.**

We thank you, O Divine Creator, for the gift of water. Over it your Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Over it your Spirit moves now, and the circle of life continues, flowing through the womb of the earth.

GATHER 490
Song at the
Center

**From the corners of creation to the center where we stand,
Let all things be blessed and holy, all is fashioned by your hand.
Brother wind and sister water, mother earth and father sky,
Sacred plants and sacred creatures, sacred people of the land.**

Waterbearer from
the East (yellow)

Creator of all, thank you for each new beginning.
Bless this flowing water from the east and the new life it brings forth.

Creator God, you show us the sunrise, and remind us that from the east each new day is born, and the spiritual gifts of wisdom and prophecy are nourished by the waters of the Atlantic and beyond.

All sing.

**In the east, the place of dawning, there is beauty in the morn;
Here the seeker finds new visions as each sacred day is born,
All who honor life around them, all who honor life within,
They shall shine with light and glory as the morning comes again.**

Waterbearer from
the South (red)

Creator of all, thank you for the warmth of our days.
Bless this flowing water from the south and the new life it brings forth.

Creator God, we remember ourselves and who we are, as relatives of the people and the waters of the south, who bring us the spiritual gifts of faith and knowledge in the warmth of your creation.

All sing.

**In the south, the place of growing, there is wisdom in the earth;
Both the painful song of dying and the joyful song of birth.
As the earth gives up her lifeblood so her children's hearts may beat,
We give back to her our rev'rence, holy ground beneath our feet.**

Waterbearer from
the West (black)

Creator of all, we thank you for the quiet of the night.
Bless this flowing water from the west, and the new life it brings forth.

Creator God, you gave us the spiritual gifts of love and understanding.
The waters of the Pacific and beyond in the west catch the last light of day
and bring in the night, in which we rest in the hope to rise another day.

All sing.

**In the west, the place of seeing, there is born a vision new,
Of the servant of the servants, who proclaimed a gospel true;
Let the creatures of creation echo back creation's prayer,
Let the spirit now breathe through us and restore the sacred there.**

Waterbearer from
the North (white)

Creator of all, thank you for coolness and rest.
Bless this flowing water from the north and the new life it brings forth.

Creator God, we thank you for the coolness of the north, the season for sleep
and restoration, and for the snow as it prepares to be transformed into new
water and new life.

All sing.

**In the north, the place of wisdom, there is holy darkness deep;
Here the silent song of myst'ry may awake you from your sleep;
Here the music still and holy sounds beneath the snow and night,
In the ones who wait with patience for the coming of the light.**

Creator God, this water has come from different directions: the east, south,
west, and north. It represents the fruits of the Spirit and the gifts of your
creation. We have poured these waters into one font and ask you to bless it
now and use it as a symbol of our commitment to being one faithful
community, joining together in the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son. **Amen.**

All sing.

**From the corners of creation to the center where we stand,
Let all things be blessed and holy, all is fashioned by your hand.
Brother wind and sister water, mother earth and father sky,
Sacred plants and sacred creatures, sacred people of the land.**

*Please stand as
you are able.*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE

WOV 682
Praise the Spirit
in Creation

*During the singing,
the assembly is
sprinkled with water
from the font and
cleansed with sage
smoke.*

*Pull the smoke
gently toward you
with both your
hands, and let it
envelop you.*

**Praise the Spirit in creation,
breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit moving on the waters,
quick'ning worlds to life within,
source of breath to all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin.**

**Praise the Spirit, close companion
of our inmost thoughts and ways;
who, in showing us God's wonders,
is himself the pow'r to gaze;
and God's will, to those who listen,
by a still small voice conveys.**

**Praise the Spirit, who enlightened
priests and prophets with the word;
his the truth behind the wisdoms
which as yet know not our Lord;
by whose love and pow'r, in Jesus
God himself was seen and heard.**

**Tell of how th'ascended Jesus
armed a people for his own;
how a hundred men and women
turned the known world upside down,
to its dark and furthest corners
by the wind of heaven blown.**

**Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit,
praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,
Trinity in deep accord;
through your voice which speaks within us
we, your creatures call you Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator, to you we give thanks for all you give us, and we ask for your guidance as we prepare to open our hearts and minds to you. Within this sacred circle, Jesus Christ is our center. In all we do, help us to speak with honor and respect to all people and be open to the teachings we are given. As we walk our sacred journey, together with all our relatives here, open our eyes to understanding. Give us the strength to see how to live with compassion, love, and peace. For with your Spirit we can face the winds together. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The first lesson is read in Mandarin Chinese, the third most commonly spoken language in the territory of our synod.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

The second lesson is read in Spanish, the second most commonly spoken language in the territory of our synod.

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as
you are able.*

ELW 171
Hallelujah /
Heleluyan

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He-le-lu-yan, He-le-lu-yan, He-le, he-le-lu-yan!
He-le-lu-yan, He-le-lu-yan, He-le, he-le-lu-yan! (repeat)

GOSPEL: Mark 2:23—3:6

*The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

*The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He-le-lu-yan, He-le-lu-yan, He-le, he-le-lu-yan!
He-le-lu-yan, He-le-lu-yan, He-le, he-le-lu-yan! (repeat)

*The people are
seated.*

SERMON

Bishop Dr. R. Guy Erwin

Please stand as
you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 526
God is Here



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Entrusting all things to the Triune God, Creator of all that is,
let us now pray for the world, ourselves, and all those in need.

From the East, we greet the rising sun that brings us each new day.
Let us pray for strength to live in kindness and justice.
A brief silence is kept.

Intercessor from
the East (yellow)

When we wake at dawn, we are refreshed and ready to direct our hands and our feet to our labor. But we also remember that among us are relatives and neighbors who cannot look forward to the new day with the same joy as we can. Help us, Great Spirit, to make this and every day as light as we can for those in need. Help us protect the weak, care for children, comfort the grieving, and speak for those with no voice. Make food abundant, water plentiful, and medicines strong, for them as for us.

Come, Holy Spirit: **hear our prayer.**

From the South, we give thanks for the people with whom we live.
Let us pray for care and reconciliation in our lives together.
A brief silence is kept.

Intercessor from
the South (red)

We possess the gift of speech, with which we can foster goodwill among people and with which we can communicate with you, O God. But we have too often given hurt by angry or misleading or hasty words. We have given counsel too soon or too late to do good. We talk too much or we talk too little. And we have listened to untruths about our neighbors and passed them on to others. Help us, Great Spirit, to be wise and trustworthy; help us listen more and talk less. Keep us mindful of the truth, and teach us patience.

Come, Holy Spirit: **hear our prayer.**

From the West, we seek insight and courage to face what lies ahead. Let us pray for wisdom and hope for the future.
A brief silence is kept.

Intercessor from
the West (black)

Great Spirit, you dwell in the unknown land that lies before us: give us courage and hope in your future for us. Show us a path forward, and keep us from stumbling and straying. Help us seek after kindness, courage, cheerfulness, and fairness. Give us the wisdom to know right from wrong. Help us honor the Great Mystery of your love for us, shown to us in so many ways, and especially in Jesus. Keep near to us in one spirit our forebears, our parents, and our dead. Inspire us in our doubt and comfort us in sorrow. Hold us in your vision for us as we move forward.

Come, Holy Spirit: **hear our prayer.**

From the North, we look to God to restore us and inspire us.
Let us pray for a sense of God's presence and restoration.
A brief silence is kept.

Intercessor from
the North (white)

We ask you, Great Spirit, to fill us this night with good dreams. Bring goodness into our hearts and minds; show us the good we might do, in our homes and in our world, and inspire us to follow those good ways. Keep far from us evil dreams, in our sleep as in our lives, and help us resist deceit and remorse, selfishness and envy towards our relatives and neighbors. Guard us when we are helpless. Cover us with your soothing winds; bring peace in our land and in our world, especially where people have learned to hate each other.

Come, Holy Spirit: **hear our prayer.**

We entrust to you, O God, all these prayers; gather them up like the harvest of our hearts. We pray in the confidence that you listen and respond! **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

*The people are
seated as the
offering is
collected.*

Today's offering will begin the Bishop's Mission Fund to support new start congregations within the Southwest California Synod.

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

Joanne Lazzaro, flute; Bettie Ross, piano; Kalani Das, percussion

Please stand as
you are able.

ELW 486
God Extends an
Invitation

(Sung in English,
then in Spanish)

OFFERING SONG



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -

vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we

so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the

sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

OFFERING PRAYER

O Great Spirit, you have given us all things in the earth as your gifts. You have filled our baskets to the brim. Because you have fed us so abundantly, your goodness runs over, and we share what you have given with those in need. We also offer back to you a part of what you have given us, to thank you for your goodness and for choosing to be with us, your people, in Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Father, beloved Son, and blessed Spirit,
from the depths of our hearts we give you praise.
We thank you, now in this place, and forever,
through all the land you have created.
From the place of the rising sun in the East,
to the South where the warm winds blow,

from the West where the soft rain comes,
to the coldness of the North:
we unite with all Creation from the four directions
to join in a never-ending song of thanksgiving and praise
for the gift of life, and for new life in Christ.
Together with the angels, our guardian spirits,
and with the saints and all our ancestors, we sing:

ELW 473
Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung in English,
then in Spanish)



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for the salvation
you have prepared for all your people.
Accept our praises, Creator God, for Jesus Christ,
the one perfect offering for the world, who,

On the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

With this bread and cup we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your people.
Gather into one all who share this bread and wine,
and fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Creator,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered out of many nations by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray in our own languages as Jesus taught us.

**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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

*The people are
seated.*

COMMUNION

*Holy Communion will be administered at a number of stations both in the front of the sanctuary and in the balcony. Please exit your pew **to the right**, and follow the directions you will be given.*

*The standard wafers contain wheat and the large chalices contain red wine. One station in the front and one in the balcony will have a limited number of gluten-free wafers and small chalices of white grape juice. Those two stations will be the ones **closest to the window side** of the chapel.*

Please receive by "intinction" (touching the wafer to the wine). If you forget and consume your wafer before getting to the cup, just get another one from the server. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communing, please cross your hands across your chest.

COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 774
What a
Fellowship,
What a Joy
Divine



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last-ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

ELW 733
Great Is Thy
Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

ELW 779
Amazing Grace,
How Sweet the
Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*Please stand as
you are able.*

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, you are the child of the Creator, sent to make us your children.
Today we belong to you. We are your children and grandchildren. We will live
as you have taught us. Watch over us. Speak to us from the trees, from the
grass, from the breezes and the rain, from the hills and the waters of this land.
Give us long lives, with happiness along the way and beauty at the end, and
give us rest in you forever when our journey is done. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Great Spirit, Creator God, look upon the faces of your faithful people gathered
here; send us wherever you would have us go. May we embody your word of
reconciliation through our actions. Stay near us and sustain us, so that we
may face the winds of change and walk the good road. And may the Triune
God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, dear relatives. The Spirit sends us forth to serve!
Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC AND DANCE

Danza Azteca Yolotlketzally is an Aztec dance group of first, second, and third-generation Mexican Americans. They practice at Iglesia Luterana Fe y Esperanza, one of our synod's new start congregations, and their presence with us helps us remember the Native populations of Mexico and Central America.

Follow the Aztec dancers and the chancel party out into the plaza and onward to lunch!

Synod Assembly voting members and registered visitors (and any others who have purchased lunch tickets) are invited to join us for lunch in Ullman Commons immediately following. Native visitors with us today may join us for lunch as guests of the bishop.

The Synod Assembly reconvenes for its final business session at 1:15 p.m., across Olsen Road back in the Gilbert Arena in the Gilbert Sports & Fitness Center.