



Church of the Cross
9:30 AM
Sunday, July 18, 2021
Star Hill Ranch
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Presider: Blessed be God! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
People: **And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and for ever! Amen!**
Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Song: Gather Us In

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Presider: Let us pray: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Psalm 23

Psalm Leader: The Lord is my shepherd;

People: **I shall not want.**

Psalm Leader: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

People: **he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

Psalm Leader: He restoreth my soul;

People: **he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**

Psalm Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

People: **for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

Psalm Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

People: **thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

Psalm Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Message

The Prayers of the Community

Prayer Leader: Good morning, Lord. We are your people, gathered in prayer, and we love you. We pray for all people in their daily life and work; for our families and friends; for all neighbors and strangers; for our households and neighborhoods; for this community, the nation, and the world; and we place before you all who seek justice, freedom, and peace.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: You are the God of all abundance. You are the Good Shepherd. Our cup runneth over. We pray that we might be wise and just stewards of your creation, that all your children may know the richness of your blessing.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for those who struggle. We remember before you those who grieve; the poor, and those without enough to eat or a safe place to rest; and all in need of healing, friendship, and fellowship. We pray for those in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. Help us to love our neighbors, and to reveal your mercy, love, and compassion.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for the peace and unity of your Church. Grant us the grace to abide in your love. We pray for the bishops and people of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas; for all the local congregations and ministries to which you call us; for our brothers and sisters throughout the world, especially those who can worship you only in secret and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: We thank you for every grace: for the splendor of Creation; for the blessing of every human relationship; for daily food and drink, and for our homes; for the callings you place upon our hearts, and for the strength you promise; for the brave, and courageous, and loving saints you have put in our lives; for the grace of Sabbath and common worship; for accepting the sacrifice of our lives; and for the gift of your Kingdom. We thank you for the hospitality of Star Hill Ranch, and place before you in prayer all who will be on this land this week.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: I now invite us to place before God our own petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

A space for the congregation to offer their own prayers.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace:

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The Offertory:

There is an offering basket placed at the greeting stand where we are invited to make our offerings or give online at www.ecclaketravis.org. The Table is set with the offerings of bread and wine for Holy Eucharist.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever offer this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

With those who have loved you, and sought you, and followed you throughout the ages, we pray this ancient story: On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, the bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread...

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in yours, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion is received in one kind only. The bread distributor will come to you where you are seated.

Song During Communion: Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Prayer of Sending:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Song: How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consumer, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no never forsake.”

The Dismissal:

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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This Week...

Tuesday, July 20

Mobile Loaves and Fishes

Meet at the Spur Building of Lake Hills Church at 5:45 PM

If you’d like to participate in this generous ministry of friendship and sharing, please be in touch with

Paul Johnson at paul@ecclt.org

Next Sunday, July 25

9:30 AM Worship in the Fitzhugh Building at Star Hill Ranch

After Worship: A congregational meeting

At the meeting we’ll report in on the building Listening Sessions we participated in at the end of June, share a bit about some upcoming calendar items. We’ll also speak to plans for worship locations going into the rest of the year. Please plan to stay with us for thirty minutes after worship next Sunday!