



**Church of the Cross**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Sunday, August 15, 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:** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,  
Mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;  
Hither by thy help, I’ve come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

**Presider:** Let us pray: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Reading:** Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 'You that are simple, turn in here!' To those without sense she says, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel:** John 6:51-58

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

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

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**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 gathered here in prayer, and we love you. We pray for your holy and Universal Church, stretching through space and time;

**People:** **That we all may be one.**

**Prayer Leader:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People:** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

**Prayer Leader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**People:** **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

**Prayer Leader:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**People:** **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

**Prayer Leader:** We beseech you for the grace to know your will, and pray you grant us every gift to fulfill it this day;  
**People:** **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

**Prayer Leader:** Bless all young people and their households, and all who teach and serve in our schools;  
**People:** **That they may be centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom.**

**Prayer Leader:** We pray for the sick; the poor; the lonely; the fearful; all prisoners, refugees, and captives; and those who live in places of violence and want. Have compassion, we pray, on all who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**People:** **That they may delivered from their distress.**

**Prayer Leader:** Guard, sustain, and encourage all nurses, doctors, health care workers, and all who bring healing;  
**People:** **That they may be strengthened in their service.**

**Prayer Leader:** Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**People:** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Prayer Leader:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People:** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

**Prayer Leader:** And now for a moment, Loving God, we place before you what rests upon our hearts...

*A time to offer our own petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud. The prayers conclude:*

**Prayer Leader:** O Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen.**

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

**All:** **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.**

**Prsider:** 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:**

**Prsider:** 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](http://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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 thank you, Loving God, for revealing yourself in all times and places: in all Creation; in the scriptures; in your people, gathered and sent, and fully in Jesus, your Son, who gave himself on the cross that we might be made right with you, one another, and in our very selves.

With grateful hearts, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

With those who have loved you, and sought you, and followed you throughout the ages, we pray this ancient story: On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

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 your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

**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:**    Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,

Glory in thy perfect love.  
Finish then thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**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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**Church of the Cross Welcomes You!**

If you're with Church of the Cross for the first time today, or close to the first time, please scan the code to let us know you've been with the community this day! Thank you!



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next Sunday...August 22**

**Be with us as we pray with special intention over all students, teachers, and school staff to mark the beginning of the school year!**

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES which through LTLOV we'll get to children in need. In particular, bring:** backpacks; 1 inch binders; pencil pouches; blue or black pens; colored pencils; #2 pre-sharpened pencils; markers (both thin and thick); composition books; glue sticks.

**The offering this day will be dedicated to Cav Lounge, a ministry supporting students in need at Lake Travis High School**

**Our next Mobile Loaves and Fishes journey is...**

**...Tuesday, August 17**

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

To be part of this gentle ministry of sharing and fellowship, please be in touch with Paul Johnson at [paul@ecclt.org](mailto:paul@ecclt.org). Thank you!

**Be part of a Fellowship Dinner Community!**

**What is a Fellowship Dinner Community?** A Fellowship Dinner Community is a group of up to twelve people that commits to sharing dinner twice with one between the middle of September and the middle of November.

**What happens at a Fellowship Dinner gathering?** Everybody brings something to share, and then gathers at table for feasting, friendship, and fellowship. Good things happen over meals, and this is a great way to make new friends and spend time with old friends.

**Are children welcome?** Yes! There will be at least one Fellowship Dinner Community welcoming to households with children.

**"How can I be part of a Fellowship Dinner Community?"** Check this week's Daily Cross Email Communication for a link to let us know that you'd like to participate, whether you would be willing to host, and what night of the week works best for you. Thank you!

