

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Wade in the Water

arr. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor 1875-1912

✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↑ CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Confident in God's mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of forgiving grace,

We are not always patient to wait for your words and your actions in our lives. We whine and complain, and we try to control those things which are out of our control. We manipulate, cheat, and extract all we can for our gain. Forgive us. Transform our hearts, our minds, and our behaviors so that we might be more like you.

We are blessed to be loved by a fierce and passionate God who will stop at nothing to claim us as God's own. In God's goodness, today, all our sins are forgiven, washed clean, and we are transformed into new creations, made whole by the saving work of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.

Amen.

↑ GATHERING

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

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↑ 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.

↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeat)

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)*
- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)*
- 3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. (refrain)*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord, your chosen people had no choice but to trust you and you delivered them. Keep our eyes fixed on you when the waters rise, and the troubles of our lives seem insurmountable, for you are our savior and guide. Amen.

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children's Message, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)

✝ WORD ✝

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

↑ GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ PRIMARY READING

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" ⁶So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." ²⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the

Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land (Go Down, Moses)

verses 1-4

1 *When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.*

Refrain

*Go down, Moses,
way down in Egypt's land,
tell old Pharaoh:
Let my people go!*

3 *The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
let my people go;
a fire by night, a shade by day,
let my people go. Refrain*

4 *As Israel stood by the waterside,
let my people go;
at God's command it did divide,
let my people go. Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

2 *The Lord told Moses what to do,
let my people go;
to lead the childr'n of Israel through,
let my people go. Refrain*

↑APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

Prayer Leader: Strong Deliverer, **Congregation: hear our prayer.**

✠ MEAL ✠

↑SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

↓OFFERING

Grace

arr. Mark Hayes

Choir Anthem

↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

↑OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

You have delivered us again and again, O God, and brought us into the life you have promised. Receive our gratitude through these gifts which we offer to your service, and for the benefit of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

↑PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

↑JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You saved your chosen people, O God, and made us one with them in the sacrifice of your son. Bring us together now at his table, in memory and in celebration of all that has been done on our behalf. Come, taste, and see the Lord's goodness! **Amen.**

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). **Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

↓ Distribution

Precious Lord, Take My Hand #773

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine #774

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God,

in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

✝ SENDING ✝

↑ BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

↑ HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.
Thanks be to God.

↓ POSTLUDE

Ebenezer

arr. James D. Kimball 1947-2011

Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary to listen to the musical postlude (3-4 minutes).

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

MINISTERING THIS MORNING (8:00;10:30):

Assisting Minister: Ken Gutleben
Coffee Hour: Meg Brogan
Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ann Kenyon
Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon
Greeters: Elizabeth Madaras & Joanne Robinson
Musician: Starr Brown
Nursery: Meng Li & Bertie Salisbury
Prayers: Sherri Bangert; Candace Gutleben
Preacher/Presider: Stephanie Johnson
Reader: Sherri Bangert; Mary Kay Wentz

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

8:00-17; 10:30-58



Early Coffee Hours for October 7, November 4 and December 2 need hosts. If you would be willing to host one of these months, please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 9/30 8:00a Worship
9:30a Sunday Sunday School
10:30a Worship

Mon 10/1 9:00a Craft Group

Tues 10/2 7:15a Bible Study
7:30p Evangelism Cmte.

Wed 10/3 *No Women's Bible Study this week*
3:00p Joyful Noise
6:15p Bell Choir
7:30p Choir practice

Thu 10/4 7:30a Morning Prayer in the sanctuary
10:00a Trinity Seniors
1:30p Ukulele Group

Sun 10/7 8:00a Worship
9:00a Early Coffee Hour
10:30a Worship- *Blessing of the Animals*

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Bring your furry (and not so furry) pets with you to the 10:30 service next Sunday, October 7th for a special blessing. Because we've been blessed to be a blessing, we are asking that you consider bringing a donation of pet food for the Alameda Animal Shelter.

2018 HYMN FEST Join the Bridges Conference for our second annual HymnFest on October 7, 2018 at Napa Valley Lutheran church 1796 Elm Street Napa, CA 94559 at 3:00PM followed by Chili with the Bishop. Come sing, reflect, enjoy fellowship AND some "kick'n" chili with the Bishop

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT Hey shutterbugs! We have a challenge for you! Trinity is in the process of updating our website and church information publications and we need some photos of iconic Alameda locations. We challenge you to take photos of the following people, places, and things. Once you've completed the challenge, submit your photos by email, flashdrive, CD-Rom, or via a link to your photos in Dropbox, Google Drive or iCloud to Pastor Stephanie at pastortrinity@gmail.com. (she's happy to help you with the photo transfer if you need) Those who complete the entire challenge will be gifted a voucher for our next new church t-shirt for free AND if we select your picture for our website you will receive public photo credit on the page. Find the list of people, places and things we need photos of in your September Builder!

PASTOR STEPHANIE IS ON VACATION from today through Saturday, October 6th. Pastor Craig is available for Pastoral emergencies during this time and can be reached at (510) 390-4045.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Bob Valdez, friend of *Rachel Hanson*
Rosalyn Nelson, friend of *Sherri Bangert*
The family of Rev. Stephanie Colvet-Erdmann, friend of *Pastor Stephanie*
Connie Stephens, friend of *Sherri Bangert*
Chris Evans, friend of *Harvey & Carol Blomberg*
Barbara Denis, sister of *Mary Kay Wentz*
Rick DeLeon, friend of *Geoff Kline*
Michael Rasmussen, Nephew of *Sherri & Chuck Bangert*
Vicki Taylor, friend of *Mark Schoenrock*
Trinity members: **Evelyn Berger, Gail Cromack, Ray Fitzsimons, Kate Ganschow, Pat Paulsen, Joanna Ruiz, Bertie Salisbury**

Abby & Kash Koon, sister and nephew of *Pastor Stephanie*
Scott Parody, friend of *Chuck & Sherri Bangert*
Joanne Lee, sister of *Mary Kay Wentz*
Mikaela Mitchell, niece of *Mary James*
Wade Duckworth, husband of *Susan Widule*
Alan Peterson, Brother of *Sherri Bangert*
Adriana Garcia, friend of *Mark Schoenrock*
Karen Ball, friend of *Saemi Ladue*

We especially remember St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church in Alameda this week in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.

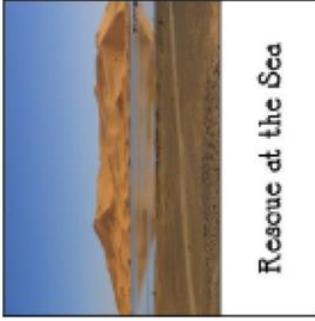
We give thanks for the life of those having birthdays this week:
Ken Gutleben (10/2) Kori Lamb (10/3) Guillermo Ruiz (10/3)
Betty Jaber (10/5) Joanna Ruiz (10/5)

Pastor's Office Hours

M- 10a-1p; T – 9a – noon; Th – 10a – 1p and by appointment



September 30, 2018
Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29



Rescued at the Sea

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

O Lord, your chosen people had no choice but to trust you and you delivered them. Keep our eyes fixed on you when the waters rise and the troubles of our lives seem insurmountable, for you are our savior and guide. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." (Exodus 14:13-14)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The enslaved Israelites made it out of Egypt under Moses' leadership. So far, so good. But now, the Egyptian army advances nearer. How long will faith in their leader endure? Perhaps the better question is, who is really in charge here?



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What is your community enslaved to? (technology, peer pressure, economy?) How might God deliver you and your community from enslavement to these things?

How does God show up in your life? Where has God been faithful, despite your own lack of faith?

For the littles: What is the hardest thing to wait for? God can give us patience.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you patience to wait. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Free yourself of one thing that entraps you this week. If you are a slave to your schedule, remove some events to make time for yourself and God. If you are a slave to your smartphone, turn it off for extended periods of time. What will you do with the freedom this practice offers?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Exodus 15:1-21, *Songs of Moses and Miriam*

Tuesday, Exodus 15:22-27, *Bitter Water Made Sweet*

Wednesday, Exodus 16:1-21, *Bread from Heaven*

Thursday, Exodus 17:1-7, *Water from the Rock*

Friday, Exodus 17:8-16, *Amalek Attacks Israel and Is Defeated*

Saturday, Exodus 18:13-27, *Jethro's Advice*