

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Penryn

July 16, 2023



## Combined Service & Hymn Sing

### GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Call to Worship

L: God of truth, sow the seed of your Word in our hearts.

**C: We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts.**

L: Loving Christ, sow the seeds of healing and growth in our bodies and souls.

**C: We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts.**

L: Holy Spirit, sow the seeds of your love in our lives.

**C: We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts!**

#### Prayer of Confession

C. Loving God, we confess we have lived wrapped up inside ourselves, not joined with you, led by your Spirit.

Rejoin us to you. Forgive our sin, heal our fear,  
and renew in us your spirit of love.

Amen.

**\*Prayer of the day** (A prayer of Augustine of Hippo)

L: O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

**Children's Message**

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**WORD**

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching & song*

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**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13**

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That

each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

L. The word of the Lord.

### **C. Thanks be to God**

**Hymn (chosen by congregation)**

#### **Psalm Reading: Psalm 84:1-5**

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

**<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, indeed it faints,**

**for the courts of the LORD;**

**my heart and my flesh sing for joy**

**to the living God.**

**<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home**

**and the swallow a nest for herself,**

**where she may lay her young,**

**at your altars, O LORD of hosts,**

**my King and my God.**

**<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who live in your house,**

**ever singing your praise.**

**<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose strength is in you,**

**in whose heart are the highways to Zion**

**Hymn (chosen by congregation)**

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions

and if I hand over my body so that I may boast<sup>[a]</sup> but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

L. The word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn (chosen by congregation)

Reflection

JP Welliver

## Reflective Music

### \* Apostles' Creed

P. United by the Holy Spirit, let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed

**C. 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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 the Church**

L. Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

L. Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

#### **C. Your mercy is great.**

L. Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. Hear us, O God.

#### **C. Your mercy is great.**

L. Maintain peace among all people, O God, and raise up lawyers to work for justice in the courts, advocates to speak for the downtrodden, and politicians to work on behalf of the common good. Hear us, O God.

#### **C. Your mercy is great.**

L. Heal those who are sick, O God (*especially*). Guide health care workers to care for those who suffer, scientists to conduct lifesaving research, and counselors to care for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Hear us, O God.

#### **C. Your mercy is great.**

L. Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

L. Inspire us by the faithful departed, O God, examples of your embodied love, whose confidence in the resurrection guides us in living lives worthy of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

L. Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C. Amen.**

### **\*Sharing of Peace**

L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

L. Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

L. God, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C. 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.**

## SENDING

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*God sends us boldly into the world to share the good news*

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### \*Blessing

L. May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

C. Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn

How Great Thou Art

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### \*Dismissal

L. Go in peace. Love one another!

C. Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

*As a Reconciled in Christ Congregation, Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Penryn, welcomes All God's People, embracing differences of age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We recognize that we are all children of God, whose differences are Reconciled in Christ.*



We are a  
**RECONCILING in CHRIST**  
Congregation

## WORSHIP LEADERS

The Ministers:	The Penryn Church Community
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