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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2022 **Tri Church Worship**

PRELUDE

"This Is My Song"

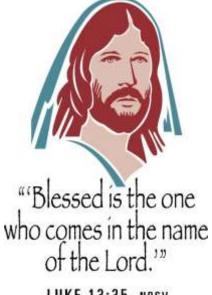
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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.



LUKE 13:35, NRSV

P: Merciful God,

All: we confess that we have not always followed your Path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love you, our neighbors and ourselves. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. Through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Be made new! You are free to love as God loves. All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. Refrain
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us people of God;

to make all things new. Refrain

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P: Let us pray. God of love, thank you for this day that you have made. We rejoice and are glad in it! We come to worship you; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

All: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 66:1-9

L: Our responsive reading for today is Psalm 66, verses 1-9.

L: ¹Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

All: Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

L: ³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All: ⁴All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

L: ⁵Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

All: ⁶God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

L: ⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

All: ⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

L: ⁹Our God has kept us among the living

All: and has not allowed our feet to slip.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-35 (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel of Luke, from chapter 13.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked Jesus, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" [Jesus] said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵Once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

²⁷But he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God. ³⁰Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." ³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

³²Jesus said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bree Truax

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Are United"

Alison Eide

UNITE VIDEO

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Each petition ends with these words:

P: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

P: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

All: Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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 in remembrance of me. After supper, Jesus 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 in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one, by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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

COMMUNION & COMMUNION SPECIAL MUSIC

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and always. **All: Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God, giver of all good things,

All: thank you for this heavenly food. Fuel us with your love and grace to share the light of your love with all we meet. Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

P: The God of peace, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

All: Amen.

P: Go in peace. You are loved by God. Love the Lord. Love others. Love yourself. Follow as Jesus leads.

All: With God's help, we will!

POSTLUDE

"We Are United"

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