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Sierra Pacific Synod  
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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,  
for you created the waters of the earth:  
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.  
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.  
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.  
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need.

Almighty God,  
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit  
and forgives us all our sins,  
strengthen us in all goodness  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Jesus, We are Gathered'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,  
 Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath-ered,

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.  
 Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je - sus, for you.

Text: Patrick Matsikenyiri

Music: JESU, TAWA PANO, Patrick Matsikenyiri

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2. Creator, we are gathered  
 Creator, we are gathered  
 Creator, we are gathered  
 We are gathered, gathered for you.

3. Spirit we are gathered  
 Spirit we are gathered  
 Spirit we are gathered  
 We are gathered, gathered with you.

## GREETING

**L:** The grace of our savior Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY<sup>1</sup>

Trinity of love,  
 deposing the powers of hate and isolation;  
 gathering creation in bonds of mutual care:  
 through the waters of baptism  
 may our relatedness be reborn  
 in justice, mercy, and peace;  
 through Jesus Christ, who is with us always. **Amen.**

*shared through Godly Play*

PSALM<sup>ii</sup>

Psalm 8

*read responsively by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*¡A - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia!

*¡A - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia!

*¡A - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya,*  
 Al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia,

*a - le - lu - ya!                            ¡A - le - lu - ya!*  
 al - le - lu - ia!                            Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:16-20<sup>iii</sup>

*read in Spanish from the Nueva Versión Internacional (NVI)*

<sup>16</sup> The Eleven made their way to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had summoned them. <sup>17</sup>

At the sight of the risen Christ they fell down in homage, though some doubted what they were seeing. <sup>18</sup> Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words:

“All authority has been given me  
both in heaven and on earth;

<sup>19</sup> go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.

Baptize them in the name  
of Abba God,

and of the Only Begotten,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>20</sup> Teach them to carry out  
everything I have commanded you.”

And know that I am with you always,  
even until the end of the world!”

**SERMON**

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1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: God, triune and holy

**C: receive our prayer**

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you**

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

*O God Beyond All Praising*

ELW 880

*vs 1 only*



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown-  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:  
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942-1996

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

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## PRAYER

O God of justice and love,  
we give thanks to you  
that you illumine our way through life  
with the words of your Beloved Child.  
Give us the light we need,  
awaken us to the needs of others,  
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory forever. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*please pray in the language of your heart*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## BLESSING

### SONG

*Thuma Mina (Send me Jesus)*

Thuma mina, thuma mina,  
thuma mina, Nkosi yam.

I am willing; I am willing;  
I am willing, willing, Lord.

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;  
send me, Jesus; send me, Lord

We are willing; we are willing;  
we are willing, willing, Lord.



## DISMISSAL

Beloved in Christ,  
you have been called to be disciples of Jesus.  
Whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of Christ,  
giving thanks to God.  
Go in peace to love and serve God.

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<sup>i</sup> from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*, Steven Shakespeare (New York: Church Publishing) 2009.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Rev. Tita Valeriano

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation, and humble in our service. God, triune and holy...**receive our prayer**

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care. Inspire us to see waterways, plant life, birds, fish, insects, and mammals, call them good, and work for their renewal and preservation. God, triune and holy...**receive our prayer**

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored communities like Chief Seattle, whom we commemorate today and all who work for justice in and with native communities. God, triune and holy...**receive our prayer**

God of justice, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in all people. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering; open our ears to hear their cries for justice; break open our hearts to act for justice for all your people. God, triune and holy...**receive our prayer**

God of healing, be with those who provide care for others, and those who support their work. Console, heal, and nourish all in need. Especially those people, places, and needs we name now.....God, triune and holy...**receive our prayer**

God of compassion, you comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection. Be especially with those who cannot be with their loved ones who are sick and dying. We give you thanks for the saints of all time and in our lives. God, triune and holy...**receive our prayer**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**