

GATHERING

The rose on the Altar celebrates the birth of _____,
child of Alex and Nazanine Bain born September 17,
2015.



Prelude

The Invitation of the Bell

Gathering Song— ELW* Page 532
“Gather Us In”

Welcome and Praise Reports

Prayer of the Day

**Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might
come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit,
and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept. 27, 2015

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**Youth/Children’s Sunday School—8:30 AM, Room 2**  
**Adult Sunday Bible Study— Sundays at 8:45 AM**  
**Lord’s Pantry deliveries are made every Monday**

**Financials/Attendance for Sept. 20th**

Attendance: 30  
Offering: \$1820.00  
Social Concern of the Month: \$100.00  
Lord’s Pantry: \$50.00

**Office Hours**  
**Pastor Anne Carlson**  
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Tues. and Thurs. Mornings
And by appointment
For emergencies dial
(408) 406-8749

In Our Prayers...

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Nathan Balcomb/Crall  
Sharon Biller  
Elizabeth Krc  
Marie Hughes  
Tia Balcomb  
Pastor Kimm  
Lira Kingston

“Go My Children” versus 1&3

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

- Term Pastor: Pastor Anne Carlson
- Organist: Catherine Ellacer
- Ushers: Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
- Reader/Intercessions: Eva Woodall
- Refreshments: Ginna Ingelfinger
- Greeter: Mimi Shilov
- Flowers: Linda Perez

Needs for Oct. 4th Service:

Can you help?

*As you walk back to the refreshments, please stop at the sign up sheet in the Narthex.*

\*Refreshments \*Reader

This is the Feast ...

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

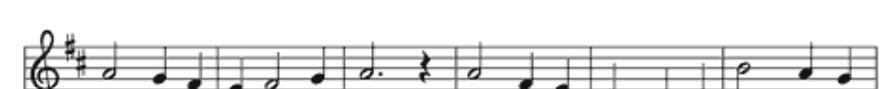


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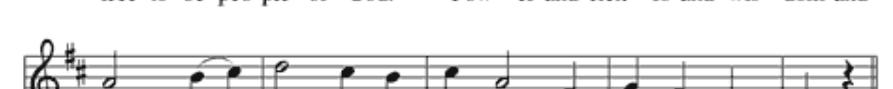
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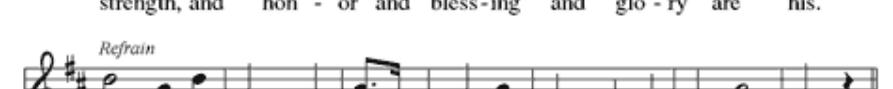


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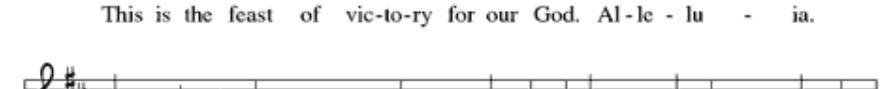


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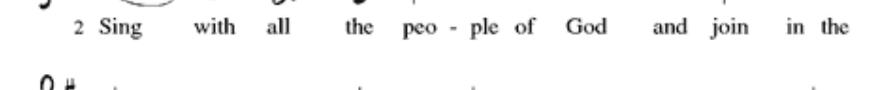
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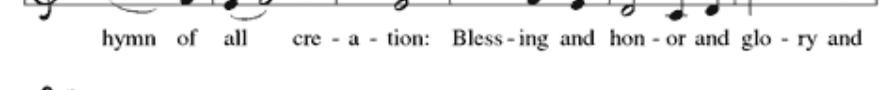
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

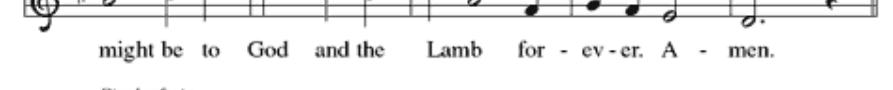


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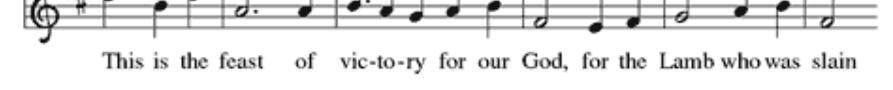


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## WORD

### Children's Message

Pastor Anne Carlson

### First Reading:

*Genesis 3:1-13*

<sup>3</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup> "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

We give thanks to you, Gracious God, for the abundance of your steadfast love. Your guiding Spirit lights the darkness and calls us from violence to peace and reconciliation. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, our hands for your work. Amen.

We will now receive our offering.

### Doxology

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

**Amen**

### Time of Invitation & Announcements

### Blessing\*

**P:** The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of Christ's cross, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the broken places of our world, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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**

P: Peace of the Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

**SENDING**

### **Offering**

P: In response to all that God does for us, it is appropriate that we give in return . . . We pray.

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup> He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading:**

*James 5:13-16*

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the

Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation \*



### The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-50

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>38</sup> “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

Fill those who are hungry with good things. Enfold those who are weary in communities where their bodies and souls may be fed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Bless the ministry of New Creation, San Jose, our sister congregation in our parish and we lift them up in prayer.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

You have drawn your people into one great community. Show to us the same faithfulness you have shown your saints throughout the ages, and lead us to live faithfully.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia. Give thanks for: Those Christians and Muslims who remained faithful to their traditions during Soviet domination. Those who work for peace in a region of ancient animosities, as well as new ones created in the aftermath of the Soviet system. Armenian khatchkars – intricately decorated crosses carved on monolithic rocks. Monasteries and churches, lovingly being restored. Musical traditions going back centuries. Traditions of elaborate family meals and wondrous hospitality. Movement towards democracy.

**C: hear our prayer.**

Lead public servants and government officials to work on behalf of all people. Send advocates to halls of justice and guide legislation that breaks the bonds of injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Redeem all who are in trouble or danger (*especially*). Speak healing words to them, and restore them to wholeness, that praise may flow from their lips. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

<sup>39</sup> “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

<sup>42</sup> “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. <sup>[44]</sup> <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>[46]</sup> <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where

‘the worms that eat them do not die,  
and the fire is not quenched.’

<sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire.

<sup>50</sup> “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Message “Where Are You?” Pastor Anne Carlson**

**Hymn of the Day\* - ELW**

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“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (versus 2, 3, 5)

(During the hymn, hand the usher any prayer request cards.)

**Apostles Creed\***

With the whole Church, let us affirm our faith.

**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 power of 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\***

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of all wisdom and truth, send your Spirit on all your people, opening our mouths to prophesy and speak truth to one another. Give us words that make your will known.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Uphold farmers and field workers who harvest as nights grow longer and days get colder. Use their labor to deliver sustenance to humans and animals. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**