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Holy Disruptors – Óscar Romero

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Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray that it will be a time of connection with God and with others, so that we can leave this service ready to love and serve our neighbors.

Bold type indicates everyone's response.

Gathering

Prelude *Praeludium*

Oscar Roels (1864 - 1938, Belgium)

Welcome

*Opening Litany

P: It helps now and then to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,

C: it is even beyond our vision.

P: We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction **of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.**

Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying **that the kingdom always lies beyond us.**

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection,

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

That is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, **and to do it very well.**

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter

Today we focus on Óscar Romero. Romero was a Salvadoran Bishop who was an advocate for the poor and for peace during violent civil unrest in El Salvador. He was killed while giving a sermon in 1980, and canonized in the Catholic Church in 2018.

"Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.

Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism.

Peace is generosity.

It is right and it is duty."

— Archbishop Oscar Romero

and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,

but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are the workers, not the master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

We are the prophets of a future not of our own. Amen.

* Gathering Hymn

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

*Prayer of the Day

○ God of life, you love justice and despise oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for this. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Reading

John 12:23-26

²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

Drew Ajer

Sermon

Pastor Sara

*Song of the Day *I Am the Bread of Life*

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Milestones!

You are invited to share a milestone with the congregation—nothing is too big or small—about a significant event in your life. We do this as a way to offer our hopes and vulnerabilities to one another, and remind us of the interconnectivity we have with one another.

I Am the Bread of Life

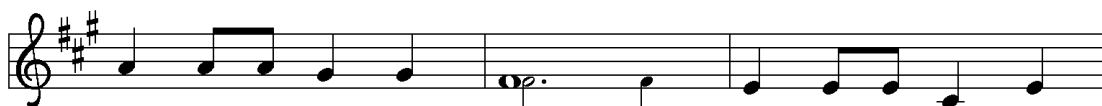
Leader or All




1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less you eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
I am the life. If you be -
you are the Christ, the . . .




lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to the world.

Refrain

All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

*Prayers of the People

We join together in praying as a church body. Our prayers are lengthy today, so feel free to stand or sit depending on your comfort.

L: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.

Passing of the Peace

We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. Take your time, cherishing the people here in our midst. All physical interactions are by mutual invitation!

Offering

Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...



To all guests and visitor, to all who have been excluded...

Please know that you are welcome at this table!

The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white.

If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our ushers know and we can bring you communion.

The Meal

****Please stand as you are able****

***Words of the Institution**

***Invitation to Receive Communion**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, citizenship, ability, political affiliation, or faith.

***The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

Communion Music *Notturmo*
Anthem

Ottorino Respighi (1879-1936, Italy)
Summer Choir

The Sending

Announcements

*Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit † bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Sending Song *Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus*

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*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

Postlude *Preludio*

Oreste Ravanello (1871 - 1938, Italy)

Welcome visitors!

We're so glad you joined us! Please use your visitor card in the pews and leave it in the offering plate.

Learn about upcoming events: request a copy of "Peace Notes," We invite you to learn more about us on our website: propeace.org.

Prince of Peace is a congregation of the *Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA*. We are proud to be a *Reconciling in Christ congregation*, publicly affirming our commitment to being a welcoming faith community for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

We are also members of *NAMI-FaithNet*, which creates mental health-friendly, stigma-free congregations in the Santa Clara Valley.

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Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus

Tú, Jesús, nuestra esperanza



Español: 1 Tú, Je - sús, nues - tra es - pe - ran - za, ven y
2 Ven, y te - je un mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -
English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the



li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,
nan - do en la ver - dad, pa - ra
set your peo - ple free. From op -
road of ser - vant - hood; give new



na - ce en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -
que, por fin, el pue - blo vi - va en ple - na li - ber -
pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to



der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne - ros de in - jus -
tad. Ven, Je - sús, a - bre el fu - tu - ro de tu
ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your



ti - cia y a - flic - ción; ven, re - ú - ne nues - tros
rei - no de a - le - gría. Ven, de - rrum - ba es - te gran
suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man



pue - blos en a - mor y en com - pren - sión.
mu - ro que hoy se - pa - ra no - che y dí - a.
rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.