



# Transgender Day of Remembrance

Sunday, November 17, 2024  
5:00 p.m.

November 20 is set aside each year as the International Transgender Day of Remembrance. It was started in 1998 by trans activist Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a way to memorialize Rita Hester, who was violently murdered in Allston, Massachusetts.

On Transgender Day of Remembrance, we remember those we have lost as the result of ignorance and transphobia, and we call attention to the violence, extreme discrimination, and alienation that trans people continue to experience every day.

## PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins, we encourage you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

On this Transgender Day of Remembrance, we remember those who have been murdered for being who they are, those who face violence on a daily basis, those who have lost loved ones, and those who worry for loved ones.

May we come to a time when we cease to shame children around gender roles and expression, where we allow for freedom and exploration of identity and expression, and to a world that operates from love especially when things are difficult and confusing. May all of us who live with the threat of violence find support, strength, community, hope, and safety from violence.

— Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe

## WELCOME

Tim Rich

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Standing — all who are able.*

Minister: Be with us, loving God in all of our journeys.

People: From near and from far and histories unknown.

Minister: Be with us, kind God in strength and in weakness.

People: The lost and forsaken, the proud and the strong.

Minister: Be with us, creative God in all of our beings.

People: Where life in our genders can truly belong.

Minister: Be with us, supporting God in all of our actions.

People: Fulfilling your kingdom where all people come.

Minister: Be with us, loving God in all of our wishes.

People: That rest in your love, when all are as one.

### **COLLECT OF TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** *Remain standing.*

Minister: God dwells in you.

People: And also in you.

Minister: Let us pray.

*Remain standing; silence is kept.*

Minister: God of all creation, whose wisdom and love is boundless, you have many names, and you are beyond all expressions of gender. We have many names for our sexual and gender identities, and we give you thanks for the diversity of sexuality and gender.

As we come together to remember those trans people who have been killed, taken their own lives, or been injured, help us to honor their identities and the identities of all people. Help us to create a world where everyone can live with authenticity and dignity.

Help us all, who belong to any sexuality or sexualities or none, to any gender or genders or none, to live our own lives in true fulfillment of our diverse identities, in fellowship with each other and in the love of God. *Amen.*

## A LAMENT AND PROCLAMATION FOR TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

*Seated.*

August Quinn

Minister: How long, O God?  
How long will trans people suffer shame and loss because of who we are?  
How long must we bear pain in our souls, and have sorrow in our hearts all day long?  
How long shall we have enemies who persecute us, ridicule us, and gloat over us?

People: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
|And my enemy will say, "I have prevailed."

Minister: Why do you stand far off, hiding yourself in times of trouble?  
In fear the violent attack the vulnerable — Let them be caught in the schemes their hearts  
have devised. In confusion and disturbance the oppressors say,  
"There is no God who cares for the meek — No God will find me out."  
Their mouths are filled with cursing and deceit and oppression.  
They sit in ambush In stealth they murder the innocent.  
The helpless fall by their might. They think: "God has forgotten the trans woman and the  
trans man, the drag queen and the drag king, the non-binary person and the intersex  
person—God has hidden God's face."

People: Rise up, O Lord;  
O God, lift up your hand.  
Do not forget the oppressed.

Why do murderers rage, and fearful people plot in vain?  
Those in power, and those who long for power, conspire  
Against the precious anointed of the Lord.  
In heaven God laughs at their presumption.

I will tell of the decree of the Living, Mighty God  
Who said to me, "You are my child. Today I have begotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the earth itself your inheritance."

—Rev. Malcolm Himschoot

**LESSON** *Remain seated.*

Daniela Soto

## A Reading from I Samuel (2:1–10).

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and weighs all mortal deeds. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; the Almighty brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; it is God that both humbles and exalts. God raises up the poor from the dust; and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with the mighty and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth belong to God, who has set the world upon them. God will guard the feet of the faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The Lord! it is God who shatters foes; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; and will endow the ruler with strength, and exalt the head of the anointed one."

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence is observed following the reading.***READING** *Remain seated.*

Hannah Earnshaw

A Reading from *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austen Hartke.

When parents attend churches that teach that being transgender is sinful, they are much more likely to reject their child, once that child comes out; in turn, a child who is rejected is more likely to suffer from mental health issues and to commit suicide. This sad fact was made visible for many in the death of Leelah Alcorn, who stepped out in front of a truck in December 2014 after experiencing negative faith-based reactions from her parents and being forced to attend Christian conversion therapy to "cure" her of her gender identity.

Christianity has been dominated by the voices of those who speak out against the existence, the well-being, and the humanity of transgender people. These voices have sunk into the fabric of American culture, and the result has been a rash of murders that causes no religious outrage, no demand for justice from those who should have cared for the wounded ones on the side of the road. We have closed our ears to the cry of the parents who have lost their children because of toxic theology; we have turned away from the tears of the youth who ask if Jesus can love them just as they are. Too many of those questioning their gender identity have been made to feel that they must choose between God and an authentic and healthy life. Not all of the people forced into that decision make it out alive.

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This is where transgender Christians have been forced to live: out on the edges. They walk the fine line between acceptance and rejection, between God's love and the church's judgment. But this is also where God begins to bring life out of death, because although religious affiliation in families has been connected to rejection of LGBT children, faith can also be one of the largest contributors to well-being in youth if their religious community supports them. We know that family acceptance and the creation of a refuge in homes and communities is incredibly important to the health of transgender people, and so we must ask, is it time for God's house to truly become a house of prayer for all people? Will we hear the words of Scripture, and the stories of the trans Christians in our midst, and allow our sanctuaries to become the spaces they were always meant to be?

**READING** *Remain seated.*

August Quinn

A Reading from *Your Body is a Revolution* by Tara Teng.

Even today, we see many anti-LGBTQ+ legislation being written into law. From banning trans kids from participating in gender-affirming team sports to restricting access to gender-affirming healthcare and even going as far as attempting to label gender-affirming parenting as child abuse, state legislators across America have declared war on LGBTQ+ communities, particularly transgender children. While these actions from lawmakers and lobbyists are horrific and heartbreaking at best, I am most appalled every time I hear a politician or advocate insist that their targeted dehumanization and denied access for queer or transgender children is rooted in family values, morality, and traditional Christian ethics. There is nothing traditional or Christ-like about targeting the most vulnerable children of our society to uphold the power imbalances of a body-based system of oppression such as the gender binary.

If only these modern lawmakers and antitrans activists knew that gender fluidity and transformation has been present in church tradition for centuries. Church history subverts the beliefs that are often held by modern-day North American Christianity.

In many instances throughout the Bible, we see God continuing to embrace a gender-nonconforming or gender-fluid expression that defies any politically motivated, bigoted stance of exclusion that we might see today. In the creation story of Genesis 1:2, God manifests the world into existence. Through this poetry and ancient storytelling, we see God creating everything and calling it good, because it is good. There is the cosmos and the earth but also everything in between. There is the light of day and darkness of night but also twilight and everything in between. There is male and female but also intersex and everything in between. Being transgender, nonbinary, intersex, Two-Spirit, gender-fluid, or gender-nonconforming is the everything in between. And God declared it good, so good, so very, very good!

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When we deconstruct our limiting perceptions of gender norms that have influenced Western culture, we find that there is nothing to fear in stepping away from the colonial gender binary and all of our liberation and embodiment to gain. After all, if God can self-identify in such nonbinary terms as “I am,” and if we are made in God’s image, then why can’t we do the same? If the early church leader, the Apostle Paul, can state that “there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one” (Galatians 3:28), then why are we still not able to hold varying beliefs and expressions of humanity without villainizing one another? The truth is that our human expression is as diverse as Source itself. We are a vibrant, diverse, inclusive display of heaven’s beauty on earth. This is an invitation to step outside of the cages created by gender and live in a more holistic, full, expansive, and liberated experience of who we are and who we can be when we leave the colonial, patriarchal shackles behind.

**GOSPEL** *Standing — all who are able.*

Tim Rich

Minister: The Good News of Jesus as written in Luke (1:46–55).

People: Glory is yours, O Christ.

Mary proclaimed, “My soul magnifies your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior. For you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant, and from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed. For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name. Your mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear you. You have shown strength with your arm, you have scattered the proud in their conceit, you have deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places. You have filled the hungry with good things, while you have sent the rich away empty. You have come to the aid of Israel your servant, mindful of your mercy; the promise you have made to our ancestors, to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants forever.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

**MEDITATION** *Remain seated.*

Jonathan Quinn

**PRAYER** *Remain seated.*

Le Wang

Minister: God full of mercy, bless the souls of all who are in our hearts. We call to mind today young and old, of every race, faith, and gender experience, who have died by violence. We remember those who have died because they would not hide, or stood too proud. Today we name them: the reluctant activist; the fiery hurler of heels; the warrior for quiet truth; the one whom no one really knew.

As many as we can name, there are thousands more whom we cannot, and for whom no prayers may have been said. We mourn their senseless deaths, and give thanks for their lives, for their teaching, and for the brief glow of each holy flame. We pray for the strength to carry on their legacy of vision, bravery, and love.

And as we remember them, we remember with them the thousands more who have taken their own lives. We pray for resolve to root out the injustice, ignorance, and cruelty that grow despair. And we pray, God, that all those who perpetrate hate and violence will speedily come to understand that Your creation has many faces, many genders, many holy expressions.

People: Blessed are they, who have allowed their divine image to shine in the world.  
Blessed is God, in whom no light is extinguished. Amen.

— Rabbi Ruben Zellman

**LITANY OF TRANSCFAITH** *Remain seated.*

Hannah Earnshaw

Minister: We praise you, Holy One, for the gift of life: precious, stubborn, fragile and beautiful.

People: We are grateful for the time we have to live upon the earth, to love, to grow, to be.

Minister: We give thanks for those who are standing in their courage to be who they are.

People: We pray for strength for those who do not feel safe or are not ready to reveal their truth.

Minister: We remember those who have been taken by the devastation of violence.

People: We claim the opportunity to build lives of wholeness in their honor.

Minister: Inspire us to challenge and stand strong against unjust laws, repression, stigma and fear.

People: Into your care, we trust and lift up the hundreds of souls who have been tortured and murdered or taken their own life.

Minister: We give you thanks for the partners, friends, allies and families who have been steadfast in their love.

People: For the people who, with passion and commitment, support all expressions of gender.

Minister: We give thanks for the science that has led to new life-giving procedures.  
 People: For those who have acted to provide health care.

Minister: We give you thanks for those whose prejudice and judgment have yielded to understanding.  
 People: For those who have overcome fear to embrace a life of compassion.

Minister: We lift up the hundreds of souls who have been tortured and murdered.  
 People: We cherish the memories of those we have lost.

**NECROLOGY** *Remain seated.*

Billie Rainer, Daniela Soto, Le Wang

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, to name and remember before God those who have died as the result of transphobic violence in the last 12 months.

*The following is the international list. Those who died in the United States are read aloud. We acknowledge that the names provided might not be the name with which the individual identified.*

Carolina Machado Abad ("Heidi", "Clarita")	Paulina Smith Arroyave Helen García Artelles	Monique Brooks (Jade-Monique Thomas)
Kesaria Abramidze	Antonina Babkina	Basil Brown
Macarena Selena Acuña	Luma Barcelos	Starr Brown
Ayub Ali	Shaina Bayabay	Phongsak Buakham
Emma Alraabeah	Kita Bee	G. Cabansag
Cris Chirinos Alvarez	Nex Benedict	Petra Cacoj
Daniele Miranda Alves	Serenity Birdsong	Rigo Calderón
Flávia Alves	Adrian Fox Bollinger ("Adri")	Laisa Camacho
Abdul Mannan Ananya	Gabriella da Silva Borges ("Gabi Campbell")	Alejandra Camargo
Pâmela Andressa	Shannon Boswell	Dylan Amaya Cardona
Alejandra Arana	Jill Heathers Bouvier	Phoenix Cassetta
Tee Arnold ("Legend Billions", "Ace")	Diamond Brigman	Juana Castañeda Anastacia Castillo



Karolay Castillo	María de los Ángeles Díaz	África Parrilla García ("Emma")
Samantha Barbosa Cavalcante	Manu Diniz	Devanny García
Katuska Cedeño	Jasuhara Gissell Brown Dixon	Cecilia Gentili
Noah Jackson Chase	Cristell Martínez Dominguez	Gul Ghatay
Ashish Chausali	Jamie Dooley	River Neveah Goddard ("Phoenixx")
Yella Clark	M. E.	G. Ferreira Gomes
Ashton Myles Clatterbuck	Noelia Kañiri Encinas	Beidy Gonçalves
San Coleman	Meredith Escarlet	Dianny Caballero Gonzales
Diva Reina de los Santos Contreras	Keylin Oana Soriano Esmeralda	Indiana Grayson
Lynn Ann Conway	Vanessa Evelyn	Dámaris Julieth León Guamán
Martha Alexandra Coromoto	Ramona Félix	Yuliana de la Sancha Guillén ("Yuli")
Eliza Cortez ("Eli")	Jullyane Fernandes	Dylan Gurley
Rafaelyyy Costa	Luma Ferrari	Jaquelline Barbie Gutiérrez ("Niurka")
Maria Cristina	Valéria Ferrugini	Jéssica Hadassa
Blaire Crits-Christoph	Jay Floris	Clemmy Hadebe
Kenia Cruz	Jenifer Sharon Romero Flores ("Jenny")	Charlie Haffray
Verónica Dantes	Dr Samantha Carolina Gomes Fonseca	Care Hansen
Verónica Dantez	Alex Taylor Franco	Thaliana Henao
Valentina Barrera Delgado/Vanessa Valentina Arango	Charmy Fredricks	Daniela Henrique ("Dani")
Effy Delith	Ashley de Freitas	Michelle Henry
Alize Díaz	Teresa Fuenmayor ("Tere")	

Montserrat Hernández	Devaly Vilchis Larios ("La Pepona")	Alessandra De Marzo
Reyna Hernandez	Tris Lassablier	Allister Matthews
Camila Herrera	Tai'Vion Lathan	Kasandra McKenzie
Righteous Torrence "TK" Hill (Chevy)	Sofía Leonor	Huber Blanco Medina
R. Hong	Meghan Riley Lewis	Meraxes Medina
El Hooper ("Coil Bottle")	Pauly Likens	Luisa Melo
Jazmín Zambrano Horna	Gisa Ribeiro Lima	Safira Meneghel
Barbie Iceland ("Redd China")	María Lima	Katya Mikhailova ("Kate")
Chantelle Ifeanyi ("Abuja Area Mama")	Maria Eduarda Souza Lima	Sirena Miller
Jo-Ann Isaks	Valeska London	Amber Minor
Guelila Elizabeth Iyob ("Gigi")	Gabriely Lorrany ("Gaby Lima")	James Moen
Paola Jaqueline ("La Española")	Aylén Loto	Luisa Mome
Jazlynn Johnson	K. Lubaton	Kitty Monroe
Quin Joy	Jhenifer Luíza	Madison Montana
Izabelly Kalahary	Thabang Mmelusi Maboela	Aryadina Montenegro
Laila Ketellen	Mónica Mancilla	Darri Moore
Reshma Khatun	Evellyn Marcelly ("Evinha")	Barbie Mucilon
Luna Kopola	Alexa Arriaga Márquez	Teresa Murillo
Yeliz Ada Korel	Roberta Marrero	Manji Naik
Gérard Élisé Lanson	Amanda Lucía Martínez	Saidul Islam Nayan
Fernanda Rodríguez Lara	Luna Martins	Naira Victória Neris
Joshua Kimo Rainforest Laranang-Mellor Jr ("Rain")	Mayla Rafaela Martins	Phanuchaya Niamthong ("Ariya")
	Letícia Antonella Maryon	Dayana Núñez

Kamylla Faião de Oliveira	Ana Paula Costas Rivas	Débora Myrante Silva
Sofía Oliveira	China Rivas	Eduarda Dutra Silva
Kassim Omar	Kity Rivera	Jorrana Patrícia da Silva
Betsy Altamirado Orrala	João Fernandes Rodrigues	Larissa da Silva
Gaby Ortiz	Danna Rodríguez ("La Güera del Sur")	Luane Costa da Silva
Kathryn Maria Ottersten ("Kathy Otter")	Hellen de Roma	N. B. da Silva
Bella de París	Luciana Román/Luciana Moscoso Moreno	Natasha Almeida da Silva
Andrea Doria Dos Passos	P. Romo	Paloma Amaral Silva
Daniela Perea	Aranza Aldanely Castillo Ruíz	Caio Siqueira
Ariana Ponce	Soraya Ruíz	Ev Smith
Kaile Villar Pons	J. Sabido	Amanda Soares ("Mandy Gin Drag")
Paola Portillo	Ayetza Yaret Salas	Valentina Sody
Karabelo Pudumo	Karis Saldarriaga	Samanta Sonia
Cristina Ramires ("María bonita")	Abigail Salvatierra	Kelly Sousa
Natasha Reddington- Romanov	Noel Rodrigues Santos	Paloma Mendes de Sousa
Cataleya Tapia Redondo	Oziel Branques dos Santos	Bárbara Vergetti Martins de Souza
Mayte López Regalado	Riana da Conceição dos Santos	Estrela Souza ("Telinha")
Arcel Regio	Samira Santos	Giovana Souza
Florencia Luna Reinaldi	Tripp Schultz	Indianara Pereira de Souza
Marcinha Ribeiro	Asma Shah/Asma Lata	Kenji Zemonta Spurgeon
Amanda Eduarda Rios	D. Gomes da Silva	Giselle Stone
Miriam Nohemí Ríos Ríos	Daniele da Silva	Trinity Suárez
		M. Tapia

Tayy Dior Thomas	Sharon Muñoz Zúñiga	G.
Bruna Trindade/ Bruna Andrade	Afsana	Géraldine
Roxanna Delgado Trujillo	Akshaj	Gil
Cass Trystero	Alison	Isabela
Liara Kaylee Tsai	Alondra	Jano
Sudenaz U.	Ana	Joelma
Jay Unchuan ("Coach Jay")	Angelina	Jonhy
Radia Teherin Utsha	Aquilla	Kal
Queen Uwuseb	Asmara	Kataleya
Lucero Rodriguez Valdivia	Aytan	Ketilly
Gabriela Varconti ("Gabi")	Babli	Leticia
Teo Samuel Vásquez	Bianca	Lola
Cássia Vieira	Bruninha	Lorraine
Angelique Villarreal ("Angy")	Bunitinha	María ("China Mayerly")
Ema Vira	Cacau	Nazka
Haila Vitória	Cony	Neerma
Honee Walker	Dadá	Obaidy
Lexus Walker	Damla	Parsa
Sasha Williams	Devora	Patrícia
Savannah Ryan Williams	Dhanalakshmi	Poly
Vanity Williams	Divya	Priscila
Rynn Azerial Willgohs	Emma	Raju
Gece Yaniker	Estrella ("Estrellita")	Rashi
	Eva	Rinlada

Rocío	Saritha	Simsim
Roja	Shayene	Sunita
Rudy ("Blancanieves")	Sheela	Vanesa
Salmanu	Sherry	Violeta
Sarala	Simi	Warha

An additional 38 beloved children of God were lost, whose names we do not know.  
And I invite you to add your own intentions, spoken or held in the silence of your hearts.

**SOLO** *Remain seated.*

Jess Garcia

Am I the Galaxy?

O Spirit, are you listening?  
Or has my voice been lost to the wind?  
It's been a while since I've really felt safe here  
But I was hoping we could try again.

*Refrain:* Can I return to you  
And still belong to me  
If I return to You,  
Do I still belong to me?

O Sacred, I've got questions  
What do you think about how I got here?  
Is my rage a garden you can tend too?  
Is this the end of the heartbreak years? *Refrain*

Creator did You create me  
Just to be myself?  
And if I am the image of You  
Am I the galaxy? *Refrain*

—Sam & Haley Hedrick, Kurt Kroon

## **INTERCESSIONS** *Remain seated.*

Billie Rainer

- Minister: Let us pray for all those who have been killed or died because they have not conformed to the gender roles that society expects.
- People: Grant them peace and bring your comfort to those they leave behind them.
- Minister: Help all people to listen and to come to a greater understanding of what it means to be trans, that all trans people may live in peace, and all people may live in harmony.
- People: Let us be filled with the presence of great compassion towards ourselves and towards all living beings.
- Minister: We acknowledge that the prejudices and ignorance of our communities have created feelings of guilt and self-loathing among trans people when they apply these negative messages to themselves. May all trans people have full knowledge of your love that transcends all genders.
- People: Grant us wisdom, care, and concern that all of us, whatever our genders and backgrounds, are equally accepted as part of the beloved community.
- Minister: For trans people who are rejected by family or who lack social support, we ask you to give all they need for survival, for healing, and for flourishing.
- People: Help trans and non-binary people, agender and bigender and genderfluid and intersex people, as well as friends, spouses, partners, and supporters, to overcome obstacles and to bring new opportunities for relationships to be restored.
- Minister: Comfort all who experience discrimination, poverty, verbal abuse, or physical violence in their homes or their communities.
- People: Grant us courage and compassion so that we may all live together in peace.
- Minister: We recognize the harm that come to trans people by medical, psychological, and spiritual malpractice and by the embrace of mistaken and disproved harmful assumptions about trans people.
- People: Help all of us to create a future which is not bound to the attitudes of the past but one in which we can move forward to promote the fullness of life in all the world.
- Minister: Loving God, Creator of the Universe, grant us fresh hearts and new minds so that we can celebrate the full richness and diversity of human experience in the love of Christ.
- People: Amen.

## **PEACE**

Minister: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Seated.*

Tim Rich

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SOLO** *Remain seated.*

Jess Garcia

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

—By Jess Garcia and Q Worship Collective

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Remain standing.*

Tim Rich

Priest: God dwells in you.

People: And also in you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Priest and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### **CONSECRATION** *Kneeling or standing — all who are able.*

Priest: From your love and in your image you created us, breathing your spirit into the dust of the earth. When we failed to live in love, you loved us anyway, refusing to let us go. In Jesus of Nazareth you showed us what we might become. In miracle and mystery Jesus was born, as we are born, and lived as we might live.

In the fullness of his life, Jesus revealed the self-centeredness of our lives. So we sought to silence him. But we could not. The resurrection and ascension revealed the indestructible power of God's inexhaustible love.

On the night before Jesus died he shared a meal with his disciples. He took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take. Eat. This is my body that I share with you. Remember me whenever you eat, and offer your food and yourselves to the world."

After supper, Jesus took a cup of wine. When he had blessed it, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant of forgiveness that I share with you and with all. Remember me whenever you drink, and forgive."

Priest and People:

Now, gracious God, we offer our thanks for this bread and wine, the fruit of field and vine, and the body and blood of self-offering and compassion. We pray that the presence of your Holy Spirit will sanctify our meal, that we, like Christ, may love, heal, forgive and speak truth to all people. Amen.



Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language of your heart, we are bold to say,

Priest and People:

Our Creator/Mother/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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Creador/Madre/Padre Nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a quienes nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

我们在天上的父，愿你的名被尊为圣，愿你的国降临，愿你的旨意行在地上，如同行在天上。我们日用的饮食，求父今日赐给我们。又求饶恕我们的罪，如同我们饶恕得罪我们的人。不叫我们遇见试探，拯救我们脱离凶恶。因为国度、权柄、荣耀，全是父的，永无穷尽。阿们。

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept, during which the priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

Priest: We are one bread, one body.

People: We will love one another as Christ loves us.

## **INVITATION**

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

***All persons are welcome to come to the altar.***

## **DURING COMMUNION**

**SOLO**

Jess Garcia

“The Village”

—By Wrabel

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Tim Rich

Minister: Let us pray.

Minister and People:

Gracious God, holy, and undivided Trinity, we thank you for feeding us in this holy sacrament. Send us now into the world in gladness and peace, and grant us the gentleness, the strength, and the courage to love, feed and forgive in your name. Amen.

## CONCLUDING COLLECT *Remain seated.*

Minister: God of creation, Source of life, we behold your newness with each new day. We watch how the seasons transition from winter to spring to summer to fall, and then the cycle is renewed. Your creative process of life is ever before us in all its diversity, and human life is no exception.

As we observe Transgender Day of Remembrance, we pray for those whose lives have been cut short by fear, hatred, and violence because they were perceived to be different, with thanksgiving that they had the courage to live their lives with integrity and openness, because they did not conform to someone else's view of how they should live. We remember and give thanks for the seasons of their lives, for the love and friendships they shared, and the ways in which their lives have been gifts to us all.

Be present to those of us who are grieving; may your peace rest on us. Be present to those of us who are angry; may the power of your love inspire and embolden us to use our anger to dismantle hate, the fear of difference, and all that incites violence.

And send us out into the world with the wisdom and guidance of your Spirit and with courage that we may work in solidarity with one another to build your community of welcome, justice, and peace. We pray in the name of the Christ, who transforms the world.

People: Amen.

—The Rev. Mike Schuenemeyer

## BLESSING

Friends, let us go in the company of Hope.  
God's love can do miraculous things —  
things we cannot yet dream of for ourselves,  
and things we cannot yet imagine for each other.  
With such faith in the liberating power of love,  
go in peace.  
Amen.

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## **Donations needed**

Trans people often have higher rates of poverty and unemployment.

Please consider donating to the following:

## **Community Resources**

**Trans Defense Fund LA** – <https://transdefensefundla.org/>

Trans Defense Fund LA, provides non-lethal self-defense tools, classes, and community resources to transgender people with priority given to those in LA county, Black and Latinx trans people, sex workers, and femmes.

**Trans Lifeline- Counselor hotline** and suicide prevention run by the trans community for trans\* and gender nonconforming people:

[www.translifeline.org](http://www.translifeline.org)

**Queer Theology** - Founded by a trans priest, explores a queer reading of scripture, helps build healthy queer theologies, and provides a robust online community to those that are closeted, exploring, or isolated from safe queer spaces:

[www.queertheology.com](http://www.queertheology.com)

**ProjectQ Community Center** is a non-profit organization that provides safe space for LGBTQIA homeless youth in Los Angeles. At the Community Center, LGBTQIA homeless youth can receive free mentorship classes and workshops, along with free gender affirming haircuts.

**The Trevor Project** is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer & questioning (LGBTQ) young people under 25. You can reach out for support 24/7 by calling the Trevor lifeline at 1.866.488.7386

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**Trans Can Work:** Building a culture nationwide for transgender people to thrive in the workplace. <https://transcanwork.org/>

**Human Rights Campaign (HRC):** By empowering and mobilizing people at the grassroots level, HRC Los Angeles aims to create impactful change, providing advocacy for HRC's mission and work on the ground. HRC Los Angeles is a dedicated team of volunteers who use their experience and talents to develop a more affirming, inclusive, and equitable community.

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**LA LGBTQ Trans\* Lounge:** Trans\* Lounge, the Los Angeles LGBT Center's groundbreaking empowerment program for social connection and support, serving the TGI/ENBY+ (Trans, Gender Non-Conforming, Intersex, Non-Binary, Gender Expansive) communities!

*https://translounge.org or gbigam@lalgbtcenter.org*

**Powered By Rainbows LGBT Education Program:** Powered By Rainbows is an LGBT Education YouTube Series. They try to fill the gap that schools and other places aren't filling when it comes to LGBT education. They have a team of 30 people that research and put together videos. Matt Haslem is the director and creator of the program.

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**Trans Wellness Clinic:** Trans Wellness Clinic helps Trans individuals with all sorts of services such as accessing affirming healthcare, change legal name and gender marker, etc. They also have a clothing closet where trans individuals can access once a month to get free clothes for interviews etc. <https://mytranswellness.org> or call 323.993.2900

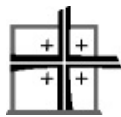
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**Trans Latin@ Coalition:** The mission of The TransLatin@ Coalition (TLC) is to advocate for the specific needs of the Trans Latin@ community that resides in the U.S.A. and to plan strategies that improve our quality of life. <https://www.translatinacoalition.org>

**Flux:** Flux aims to raise the profile of the Trans\* and gender-nonconforming community by leveraging social events, creating safe spaces, and innovative advocacy initiatives. <https://www.transidentity.org>

**Gender Spectrum:** They provide an online community space for transgender and gender expansive youth as well as affirming education for parents and organizations. <https://genderspectrum.org/>

**Soulforce:** Soulforce works to end the religious and political oppression of LGBTQI people by breaking open the ideologies of Christian Supremacy and healing our communities' spirits from Spiritual Violence. <https://soulforce.org/>



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