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WELCOME to the 2009 Pride Eucharist. We are glad you are here. We are the Oasis Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of California and the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Lutherans Concerned North America. Our worship this morning includes the sacrament of Holy Communion. All who seek God and desire to be in communion as members of Christ's body, the Church, are heartily welcome to join in. Our custom is to receive the bread in hand and to guide the cup to your mouth by its base.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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People: **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Read by Judy Lebens, Oasis California Board Member

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!
How the mighty have fallen!

Tell it not in Gath,
 proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
 or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,
 the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.
 You mountains of Gilboa,
 let there be no dew or rain upon you,
 nor bounteous fields!
 For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
 the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.
 From the blood of the slain,
 from the fat of the mighty,
 the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
 nor the sword of Saul return empty.
 Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!
 In life and in death they were not divided;
 they were swifter than eagles,
 they were stronger than lions.
 O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
 who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,
 who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
 How the mighty have fallen
 in the midst of the battle!
 Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
 greatly beloved were you to me;
 your love to me was wonderful,
 passing the love of women.
 How the mighty have fallen,
 and the weapons of war perished!

PSALM 130

ALL SAY THE PSALM TOGETHER

De profundis

1
 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
 LORD, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
 2
 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?
 3
 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
 4
 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.
 5
 My soul waits for the LORD,
 more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:12-23

Read by Joanne Chadwick, Lutherans Concerned San Francisco

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."

After the reading, the reader says
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence follows the reading.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *all remain standing*

Mark 5:21-43

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." He went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what

had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

THE RT. REV. MARC ANDRUS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each bidding, everyone is encouraged to give thanks and pray either silently or aloud,

Bidder: Let us pray for the Church, for the world, and for the entire creation, remembering all God has created good, indeed, very good:

Lead your Church in spirit and in truth, O God, that with Rowan, Katharine, Marc, Gene, Mark and all Episcopal and Lutheran bishops, and all of your faithful ministers, we might live the Good News of Jesus Christ. Let our lives be a sign to the world of your justice and loving kindness.

The people may here add their own petitions for the Church.

God of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray especially for the bishops, clergy and lay leaders of the Episcopal Church of the United States as they meet in General Convention next month. Help them open all of the sacraments to all of the baptized so that all of your children are equal in the sight of your church.

The people may here add their own petitions for a right relationship of the Church and God's LGBT people.

God of Love

Hear our prayer.

Help us to establish your justice across our state so that LGBT children in school will be safe, LGBT citizens will live free from fear, and same gender couples who wish to marry will be able to marry under civil law.

The people may here add their own petitions for right relationship among all God's children.

God of Love

Hear our prayer.

Unstop our ears that we hear the groans of your creation. Help us to remember you did not give us dominion of the earth but rather call us to a stewardship of friendship and service. Help us tend your creation so the whole earth may be made new.

The people may here add their own petitions for a right relationship with creation.

God of Love

Hear our prayer.

Turn the hearts of this land to the cries tumult of the nations, that we might remember your way of justice and peace. Stand with those in Iran who seek justice. Help us to embrace the despised, the outcast, the friendless, the forgotten, that we all might be sharers in your peaceable Kingdom.

The people may here add their own petitions for this nation and for all the peoples and nations of the earth.

God of Love

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the web of relationships with which you surround us: for lovers, spouses, partners and family, for all who are our companions in faithful friendship and service; and especially for the growing effort across our state to re-open civil marriage to all Californians.

The people may here add their own prayers and for all whose lives are closely linked with their own.

God of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray you remember your diverse and manifold handiwork throughout the ages, that having returned to the dust from whence they came, you might in the Resurrection breathe new life upon them, fulfilling your designs for all that you have made, and that we too might be raised up on the last day.

The people may here add their own petitions for those who have died.

God of Love

Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes with a collect.

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet each in the name of God.

The Holy Communion

Our offerings are gathered to support the ministry of OASIS/California.

The Gifts are brought to the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop: The Lord be with you
People: **And also with you.**
Bishop: Lift up your hearts
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Facing, the Holy Table, the Bishop proceeds

God, in whose hands rest the heavens and the earth, we give praise and thanks to you! Your love shapes the universe and brings all things into being; righteousness and justice are the foundations of your reign; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you always.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

**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.**

The Bishop continues

Merciful God, in love you guided our ancestors; from your wisdom came their wisdom. You called the people Israel for yourself and summoned them to walk in a path of holiness; you inspired prophets and poets and rulers to call others to follow and honor you. In every age you have called all people to be repairers of the breach, builders of the world, and to seek the welfare of the cities in which we live. When we have fallen into evil and pursued each one our own way, you have not forsaken us, calling us to repent and return.

In sheer love and mercy toward humankind you desired to come among us as one of us in Jesus, the truly human one; who taught and practiced friendship and self-giving love, who healed the sick, cast out evil, and proclaimed your eternal reign, and who suffered and died in solidarity with outcasts and sinners.

As he was about to be handed over to death, Jesus gathered his beloved friends at table. He took bread, blessed, and broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And as supper was ending, Jesus took a cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you. This cup is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

So, Blessed One, we offer you this bread and cup, brought forth from your Creation by your labor and love, and by our own. Bless and sanctify them by your Holy Spirit, that they may be for us truly the body and blood of Christ, the food and drink of our transformation into likeness with Christ.

Strengthen us to walk with integrity in the world, to lift up those who are cast down and care for those in need or trouble, to stand bravely against evil and oppression, to love kindness and do justice, to witness to the hope that is in us, and to walking according to your desire.

All this we ask through the Just One, Jesus, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the oneness of your Holy Spirit, we give you glory and honor throughout all ages. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All:

**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**

The Presider breaks the bread.

THE COMMUNION

The people form a circle of prayer around the altar and receive the Sacrament. After receiving, the people return to their places.

SENDING FORTH

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: Let us pray.

All pray in silence, then say together

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOMAS C. JACKSON
Oasis Advisory Board President

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.



Oasis California

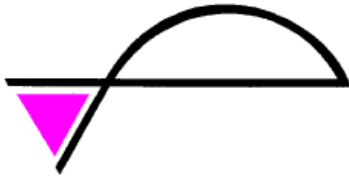
We're Oasis California, the LGBT Ministry of the Diocese of California. covering the Bay Area in northern California, we can help you find an Episcopal Church where you will feel at home, meet other LGBT Episcopalians, and help our church minister to LGBT folks. Media coverage often misses the point that moderate and progressive Christians do not share the views of some conservative Christians. Across the Bay Area, Episcopal Churches welcome LGBT folks to worship with us, sing in our choirs, and become full members of our congregations.



Oasis affiliated Episcopal Churches make a special effort to welcome LGBT people. At these churches, LGBT folks can be sure their partners and their family will be welcomed and respected. Equally important, these congregations will welcome and nurture children with LGBT parents. For more information see: www.OasisCa.org. OASIS/California is an Integrity Partner: www.integrityusa.org

Lutherans Concerned North America, San Francisco Bay Chapter

We are the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Lutherans Concerned North America. Lutherans Concerned is a Christian ministry affirming God's love for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. In 2002, the Division of Outreach of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially recognized our ministry and passed a resolution establishing a formal relationship with Lutherans Concerned.



The San Francisco Bay Area chapter formed in 1975, and our newsletter, ADVENT, has been published since 1979. It is sent to every congregation in the Sierra Pacific Synod to keep sexual minority matters in the minds of clergy. On our website you will find

a list of Bay Area Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregations that welcome people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered, as well as our newsletter and events of interest. For more information: www.lcsanfrancisco.org.

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Mr. Thomas C. Jackson, Sub Deacon
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Special thanks to our 2009 Pride Committee & Contingent Monitors!

Our **2009 Pride Committee** includes: Cliff Albergotti, Justin R. Cannon, Lucky Choi, Michael Fullam, Judy Lebens, Thomas C. Jackson, and Ghee Phua. **Our 2009 Parade Monitors** include: Louis, Josie, Cliff Albergotti, Ayanna Bennett, Davidson Bidwell-Waite, George Carlson, Adin Eichler, Charle Frisbie, Trish Grima, Alex Han, Tom Jackson, Nancy Pennekamp, Felipe Paris, Ghee Phua, Fernando Sampaio, and John Wilson. Thanks to Judy Lebens for baking the bread used in today's Eucharist.

After Prop 8, Love Endures

by Bishops Marc Andrus and Steven Charleston

Fear is a pendulum in the human heart. It swings with the movement of change. When we are confronted by things that make us anxious, it can take us from one extreme to the other. Fear can move us to decisive action. It can also freeze us into immobility. In this election, we saw that pendulum swing in both directions.

Fear for the future of our nation, for its economy and its place in the world, galvanized millions of Americans into decisive action. Rather than standing still in the face of growing dangers, they opted to vote for historic change, for a future that overcomes fear. The election of Barack Obama was the result.

Fear of human sexuality, of those who are totally vulnerable but who have been presented as dangerous, caused thousands of Californians to do just the opposite: to withdraw from change into the imagined safety of prejudice and injustice. The passage of Proposition 8 was the result.

Because so many of us supported change, we have reason to hope now for a much less fearful future. But because too many of us in California succumbed to fear, we will consign countless numbers of our neighbors to an immediate future of life without hope.

The election of Barack Obama should be a cause for celebration among all of us who want to see Americans come together in unity, respect and common cause. But it is hard to celebrate when millions of us are left out of that invitation to justice. As long as our lesbian and gay sisters and brothers are denied their basic civil rights as equal citizens of this society, the real winner is not the new African American president, but the ongoing fear that makes us look away while our neighbors are stripped of their rights.

This pendulum swinging back and forth, though, has some unreality built into it. It would be easy to assume that between the two points of the arc the pendulum describes there is no alternative: either we choose fear that paralyzes us into inaction and retrogression, or we choose fear that kicks us into positive action.

The Christian faith informs us that fear is ultimately not a way forward at all. Love and fear don't exist in the same dimension, and while fear will come to an end, love goes on for eternity.

As bishops of a community that offers all people a fear-free zone in which they can live with justice and dignity, we invite others to join us in praying with our GLBT sisters and brothers who will mark this election not as an historic victory, but as a reminder that when it comes to fear, some things never change.

Things never change with love and hope, too. We're giving you James Weldon Johnson's words to what has been called the African American national anthem below to remind us all that as we travel faithfully the path of justice and reconciliation, God, who is Love, walks with us. Truly, we are shadowed beneath God's hand. The Episcopal Diocese of California will continue to seek to be a place of hope, of love, an instrument of God's sheltering, over-shadowing power. This Love is what will finally endure, finally prevail.

*Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop
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Episcopal Diocese of California*

Response to the Supreme Court Decision Upholding Proposition 8

To the people of the Diocese of California,

While the decision by the California Supreme Court to uphold Proposition 8 has saddened many in the Diocese of California (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons, and all of us who support them) we as people of faith understand in a unique way that we are far from the end of this struggle. Our sacred stories tell us of commitment in the face of oppression and opposition that stretches over generations: 400 years in Egypt for the Hebrew people, 400 years in America for African Americans. From these stories we have learned that God is faithful and that justice, in time, prevails.

The most import struggle, the quest for authentic human relationship comprehending one another in all our complexity, is one that cannot be achieved by judicial review or even by legislative means. It is the result of continuous commitment to the building of relationship and community. Such relatedness is at the heart of Christian mission. We in the Diocese of California have been, are currently, and will be committed to such mission. As with our brothers and sisters who felt the destructive effects of slavery and segregation, the women who continue worldwide to be second-class citizens, and the immigrants whose lives are disrupted once again by ICE raids, The Episcopal Church stands in solidarity with the disenfranchised.

As Grace Cathedral was glad to be the host of an interfaith vigil prior to the release of the California Supreme Court's decision, The Episcopal Church will actively continue to be a place of prayer for all people, welcoming all to worship with us, to find their relationships strengthened, blessed, and integrated into a vibrant and loving Christian community.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus

Lift ev'ry voice and sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has
been watered.

We have come, treading our path through the
blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

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An African-American Hymnal
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www.OasisCA.org
to learn more about these congregations and the Episcopal Church in the Bay Area.



***These Bay Area Episcopal Congregations
are recognized as GLBT-Friendly.***

East Bay

- All Saints, San Leandro
- All Souls', Berkeley
- Christ the Lord, Pinole
- Good Shepherd, Berkeley
- Holy Cross, Castro Valley
- St. Anne's, Fremont
- St. Cuthbert's, Oakland
- St. Giles', Moraga
- St. James', Fremont
- St. John's, Oakland
- St. Mark's, Berkeley
- St. Paul's, Oakland
- St. Timothy's, Danville

Marin County

- Our Saviour, Mill Valley
- St. Aidan's, Bolinas

Peninsula

- Good Shepherd, Belmont
- Holy Family, Half Moon Bay
- St. Andrew's, San Bruno
- St. Bede's, Menlo Park
- St. Edmund's, Pacifica
- St. Mark's, Palo Alto
- St. Peter's, Redwood City

San Francisco

- Advent of Christ the King
- All Saints'
- Grace Cathedral
- Holy Innocents'
- Incarnation
- St. Aidan's
- St. Gregory of Nyssa
- St. James'
- St. John the Evangelist
- St. Luke's
- St. Mary the Virgin
- St. Peter's
- Trinity