

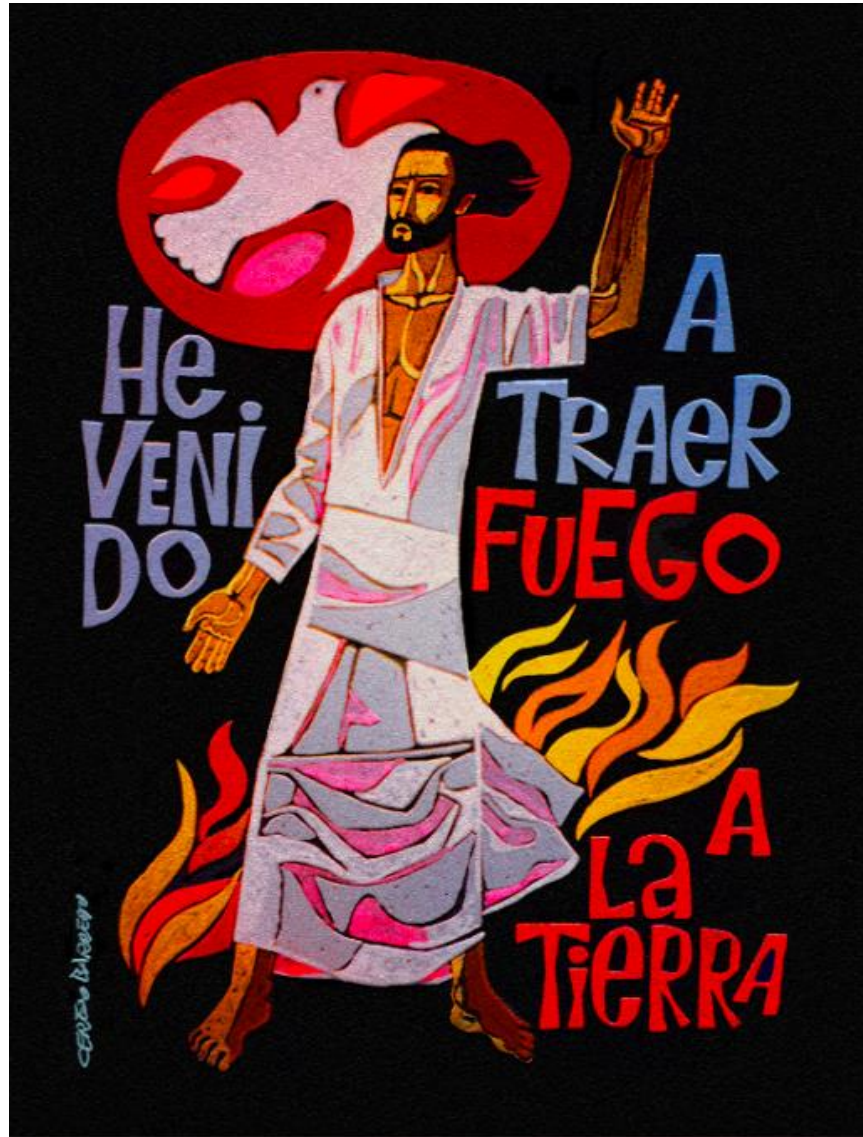


The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

Worship for the Lord's Day

Established 1904



"He Venido a Taer Fuego a la Tierra" by Cerezo Barredo

**WELCOME! JUST AS YOU ARE, WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST TOGETHER, AND
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our dwelling place:

**God gathers us into community with each other
to love and work, to support and heal.**

God is our dwelling place:

**God gathers us into community with all people
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.**

God is our dwelling place:

**God gathers us into community with all creation
to live in harmony, and to grow new gardens.**

✠ HYMN 4: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*.....GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, and have gone along with evil, pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us admit the truth of our twisted values, and forgive us, we pray. As you offer us mercy, guide us again in the liberating and life-giving way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

✠ HYMN 481: *Gloria Patri*.....GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING.....Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!**

GOSPEL READING.....Matthew 22:34-40

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Contradiction of Love*.....The Reverend Esta Jarrett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN 772: *Live into Hope*.....TRURO

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....The Apostles Creed (traditional)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
Thanks be to God.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR POSSESSIONS.....*Offerings may be made via our website or the Vanco app.*

✠ DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*.....OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,
and of your own we give you.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our time, our possessions, and our very selves.

**Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love;
through the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH 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 debts, as we forgive our
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

✠ HYMN 137: *He Came Down*.....HE CAME DOWN

✠ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠ HYMN 601: *Amen*.....DANISH AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen.

✠ POSTLUDE
