

Online Worship – May 3, 2020

Welcome to St. Andrews Lutheran Church in San Mateo, CA and our online worship service. Please feel free to pause this video, you may want to have a lit candle in front of you. Feel share this bulletin and this worship service with friends, family, or neighbors.

Prelude

Welcome

“We welcome all people as children of God and invite them to participate fully in the life and ministry at St. Andrew’s regardless of age, race, gender, education, ethnic origin, marital or family status, cultural heritage, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic reality or diversity of ability. We resolve to be a church with open hearts, open minds, open doors and seeking to be reconciled to God and one another.” St. Andrews voted to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation that has a special welcome for the LGBTQ+ community.

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Gathering Hymn

This Far By Faith Hymnal #42 "Come By Here"



1 Come by here, Lord, come by here;
2 Some - one needs you, Lord, come by here;
3 Send a bless - ing, Lord, come by here;



come by here, Lord, come by here;
some - one needs you, Lord, come by here;
send a bless - ing, Lord, come by here;



come by here, Lord, come by here.
some - one needs you, Lord, come by here.
send a bless - ing, Lord, come by here.

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Confession/Forgiveness

Pastor: Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude. Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy. Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love. Too often we are indeed separated and alienated from our better self, separated and alienated from God. Let us confess our separation as we join together in the prayer of confession. (Flames of the Spirit, pg. 72 By Richard Eick)

Congregation: O Holy One, who is filled with light and love, we try each day to keep your commandments. We find ourselves making mistakes. This doesn't mean that we are failures, but that at times we fail in our goals to love you and to love our neighbors. Help us to let go of guilt and shame. "Help us to take failing, not as a measure of our worth, but as a chance for a new start." We turn our mistakes over to you and ask that you forgive us. In Jesus' name we pray.

AMEN (CWE and the Book of Common Prayer)

Words of Assurance:

Pastor: Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of forgiveness and reconciling love. Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of new life! **AMEN** (Flames of the Spirit, pg. 81 By Ruth Duck)

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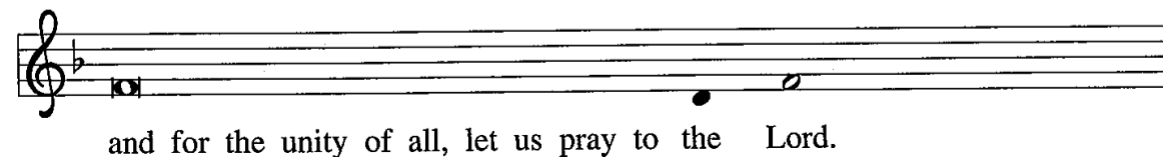
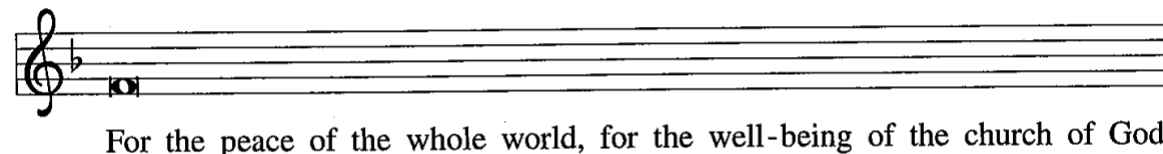
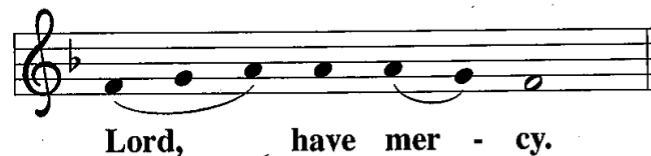
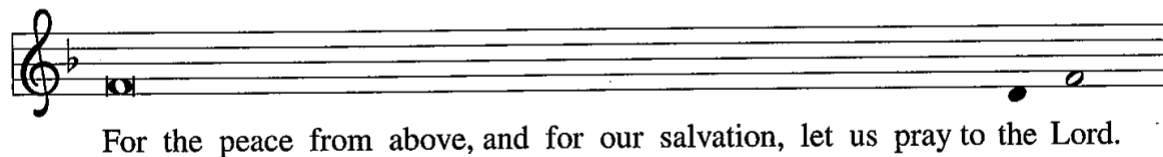
Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

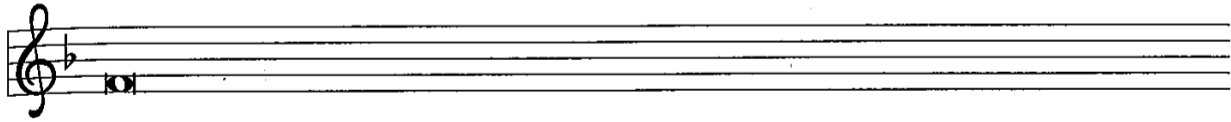
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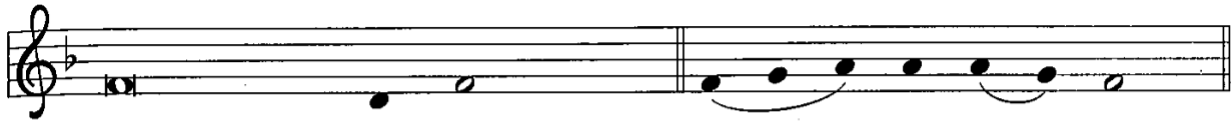
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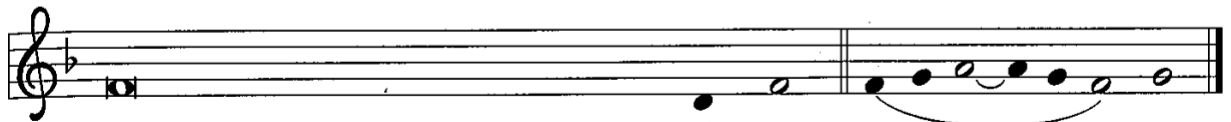
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

God our Companion, this "sheltering in place" is hard. We long to be face to face with our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Andrews. We long to give someone a hug in greeting or shake a hand and ask them how they are doing. It is difficult to be so close yet so far away. We want to really engage with friends and family even as we realize that being isolated helps us, them and our community.

Give us comfort when we are lonely.

Give us gratitude when we see joy in the eyes of a small child.

Give us thankfulness at every morsel of food that we eat.

Give us humility as we give to others in need.

Give us strength and peace as we face hard times.

It is in YOU, O God, that we find power and serenity. **AMEN** (CWE April 2020)

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First Reading Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23 (Read responsively)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² God makes me lie down in green pastures;
and leads me beside still waters;

³ the Lord restores my soul.

God leads me in right paths
for God's name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

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Second Reading

I Peter 2:19-25

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wound you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

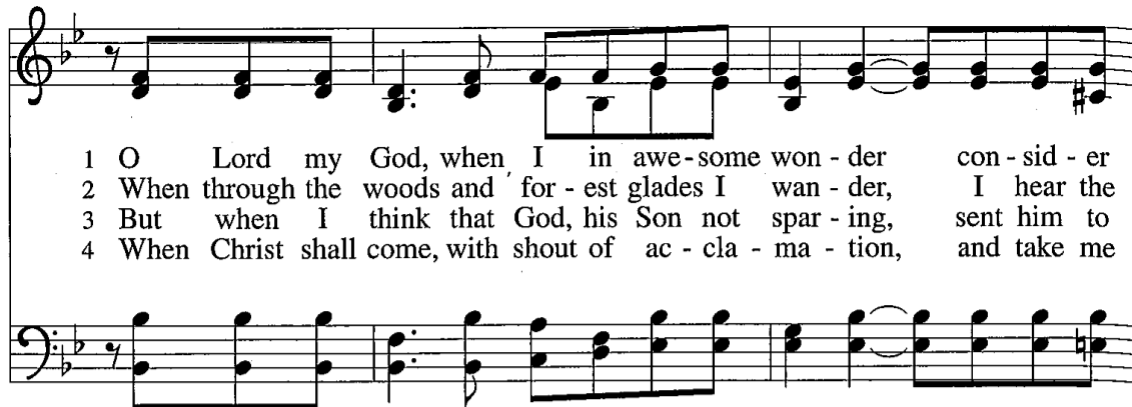
“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Sermon

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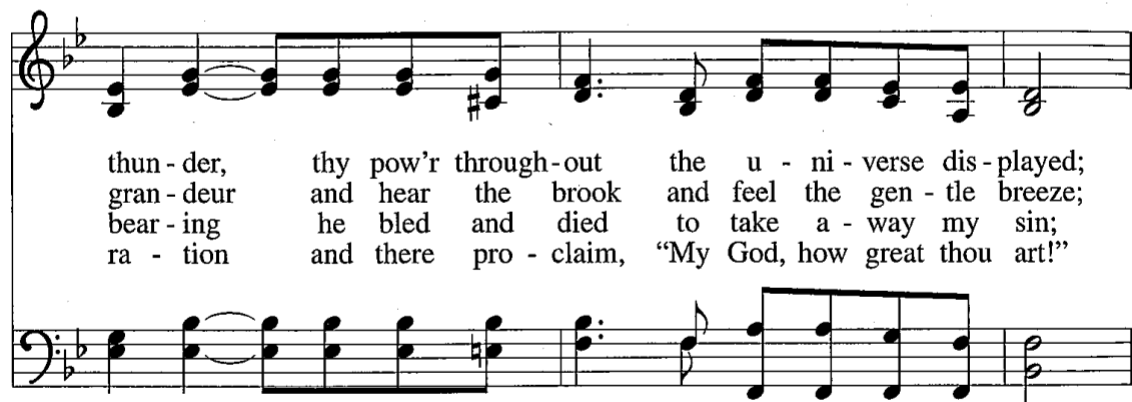
Sermon Hymn ELW #856 "How Great Thou Art"



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

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art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Apostle's Creed

**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 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.**

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Prayers of the People (CWE April 2020)

God, we thank you for the blessings of this day – for the weather, for friends and family, for our opportunities to connect by phone, snail mail and online. Holy One, we know that one of our tasks is to understand what you want for our lives and how to live a life that reflects your love for us.

We know that you are a powerful healer. We ask this day that you heal all those:
who are ill and those in hospitals
who are in jail or in prison
who are in nursing homes and care centers
who are without a job during this time of sheltering at home
who are underpaid or without a job
who are in poverty and don't see a way out
who are without food and shelter
and those who are filled with anxiety and fear.

We pray now especially for: (We pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for people and situations in need of God's healing and care.)

Give us the courage to change what we can in life.

Give us the peace to live a life without violence in any form.

Give us love so that we can share that love with all whom we meet. **AMEN**

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: Peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share that peace with one another. (PEACE SIGN, BOW)

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Offering

*I invite you to donate your offering to St. Andrews by sending in a check. You can also donate by PayPal or through our website. To contribution through PayPal, click on the heart on the homepage of our website. Or you can contact our administrative assistant, Marjorie Goodwin, at the office to setup one-time and reoccurring contributions through our vendor – Vanco, using your checking or savings account. Thank you for your contribution to the ministry of our church and the outreach that we do. Your support helps fund the ELCA ministries of Lutheran Offices for Public Policy, HIV & AIDS Ministry, AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Representation and Opportunities). All contributions are appreciated.

The Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves end with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

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Eucharistic Prayer

In every place, in every moment, God is present with us.

God was present with Abraham and Sarah when God created a covenant with them. God was with Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah and Rachel as they traveled their journey of faith. God was with Moses when the Israelites left Egypt and journeyed in the desert. God was with Esther when she saved her people. God came to live among us, to heal us, teach us and love us. Jesus died and rose again to us that death is not the last word—that God brings life everlasting.

Holy, Holy

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

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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.

Holy Communion

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God, source of strength and health, may this meal inspire love in our hearts, and keep alive your memory and your promise. May this meal provoke a longing for truth in us that will never be satisfied until the whole earth experiences your justice and peace. Let us share this bread and wine as Jesus taught us, knowing that our lives are forever changed by this and every breaking of bread. In the Holy name of Jesus. **AMEN** (pg. 51 More Than Words, Janet Schaffran and Pat Kozak)

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Sending Hymn: ELW #364 “Christ is Arisen, Alleluia”

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear.

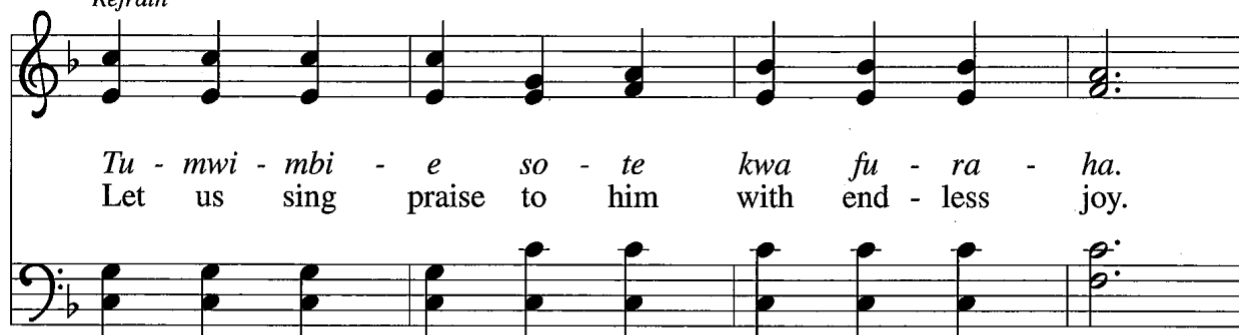
m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

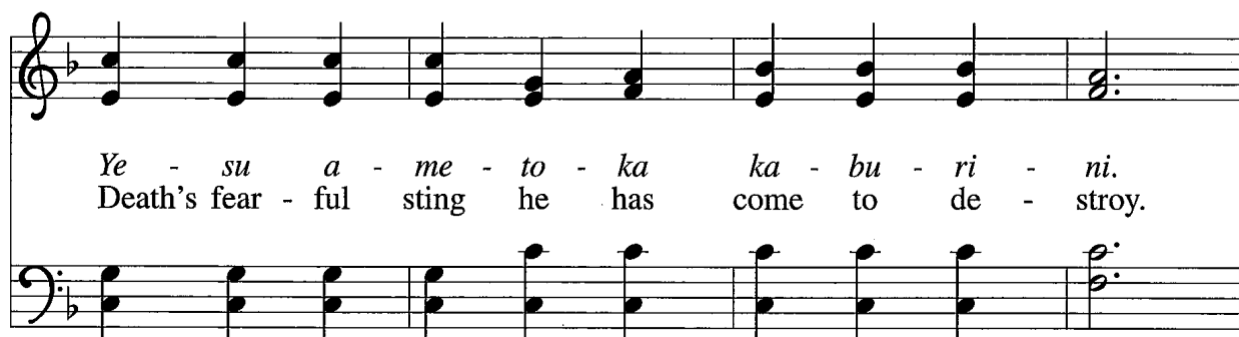
m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there.”

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Refrain



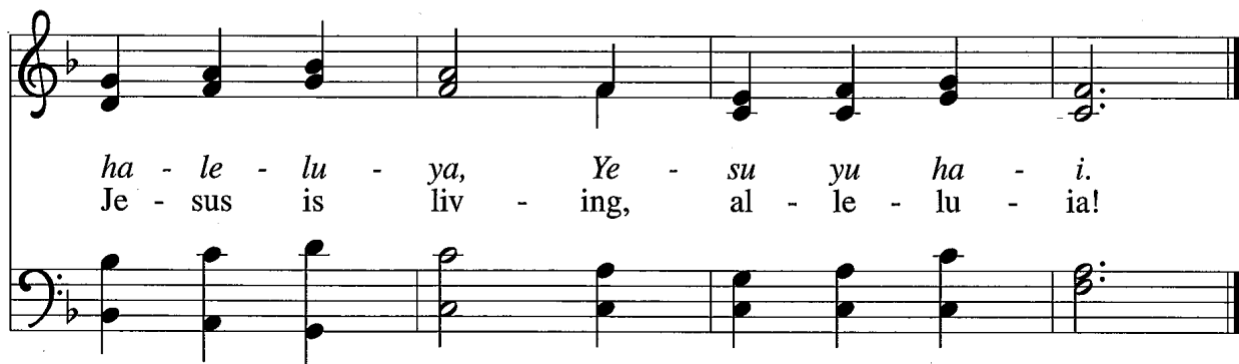
Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Congregation: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Postlude