

Online Worship – May 10, 2020

St. Andrew's Service of Healing

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. Materials you may want to have: small bowl of water, a small bit of olive or cooking oil, bread/cracker/tortilla, and wine/juice. 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.

Introduction to our Service of Healing

Our world is filled with brokenness and pain. We are in need of God's healing. We join together today to pray for our world, our family, friends and for ourselves. Here each person may receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one give themselves a physical gesture of healing: putting our hands over our heart and dipping our finger in oil or water and putting that oil or water on your forehead in the shape of a cross. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

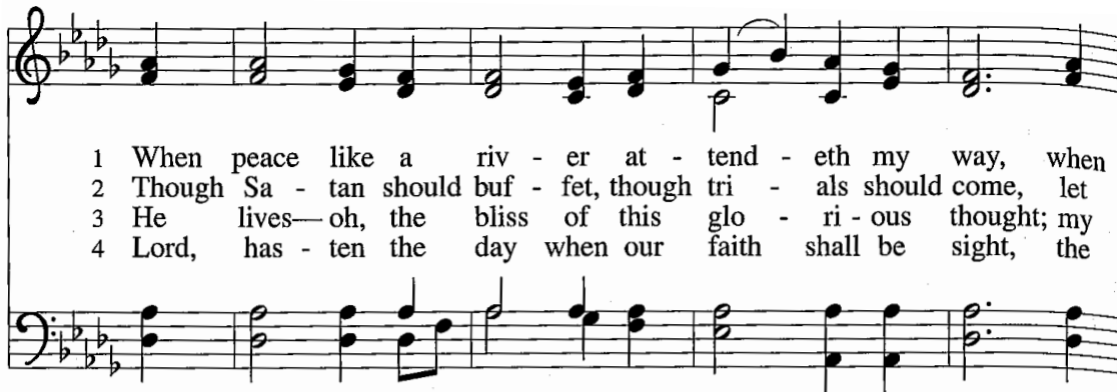
In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

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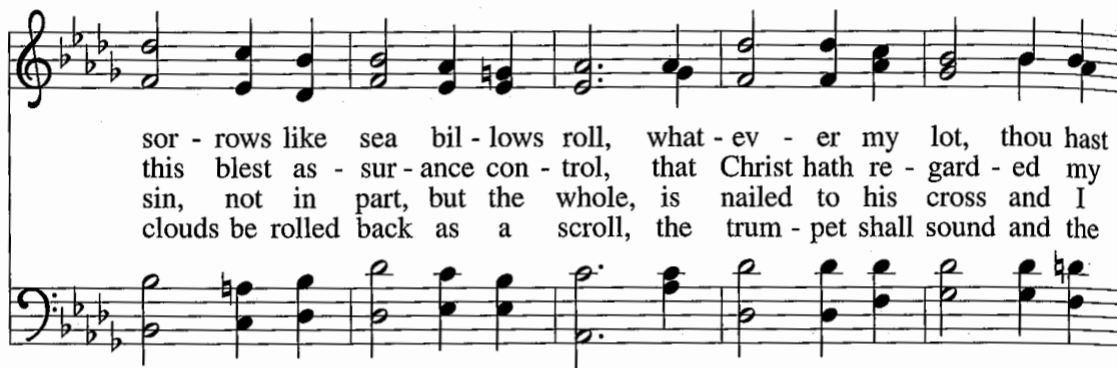
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Gathering Hymn

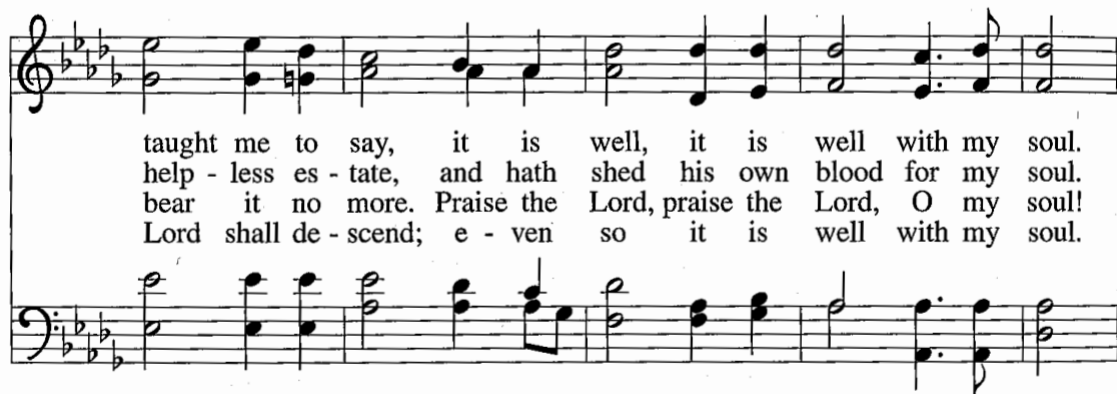
ELW #785 "It is Well with My Soul"



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

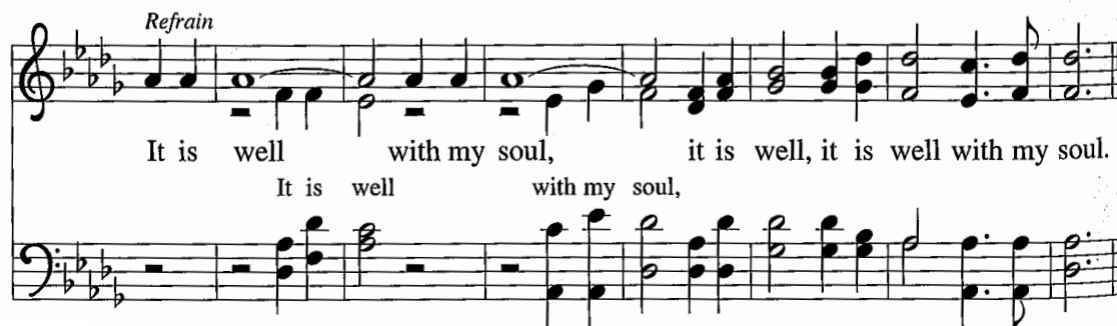


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

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Pastor: We meet in the presence of God. God is with us.

Congregation: who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.

Pastor: Jesus healed many as a sign of God in our midst. He sent the disciples to continue this work of healing - with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Jesus, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Prayer of the Day

Mother's Day

O God, you are like a mother who gathers her chicks around her. We gather today to hear your word even as we shelter in place. This worship gives us the gift of hearing your word and praising your name as we learn how to be faithful followers of your holy name.

Thank you for lovingly parenting us. Your love showed our ancestors how you wanted them to guide and love us. For those of us who are parents you have given us a path of compassion and love to teach our children. We especially thank you for our mothers on this day of celebration. We are grateful for their sacrifice, their affection, their care and their love for us. In your name we pray. AMEN. (CWE May 2020)

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First Reading Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (Read responsively)

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;

**do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.**

² Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

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Praise the Lord!

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Second Reading

I Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and
“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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Gospel Acclamation ELW pg. 172 Halle, halle Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' There are some musical notations like '8' in the piano part, possibly indicating a measure rest or a specific rhythmic pattern.

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The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This the Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O God.

Sermon

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Sermon Hymn ELW #592 "Just As I Am"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Just As I Am" (ELW #592). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines.

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

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Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister: Healer of our body and soul

Congregation: **we are thankful for your forgiveness and hope that fills our days.**

Assisting Minister: Come to us and show us the places of our lives

Congregation: **that we most need to change.**

Assisting Minister: Tear down the barriers that keep us from loving others.

Congregation: **Root out the violence in our lives.**

Assisting Minister: Free us from dependency on any person, object, substance or power

Congregation: **so that we can place our trust only in you.**

Assisting Minister: Show us the way to instill new habits.

Congregation: **Teach us to care for our bodies.**

Assisting Minister: Prune away the dead leaves of our lives; through your creative power,

Congregation: **and make new shoots that comes from barren stems.**

Assisting Minister: Give comfort, O God of compassion to those we know who are ill, homebound, who are tired caregivers, those without hope and those without basic necessities.

Congregation: **Give us energy and courage to share your love, hope and serenity with those in need.**

Assisting Minister: May we experience new life within us through the love of Jesus our Christ. **AMEN.**

(By Ruth Duck and Pastor Connie Winter-Eulberg, Flames of the Spirit, pg. 83)

Laying on of Hands

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to pause this video and gather some water or oil for anointing and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of God who helped lepers, blind people, the bent over woman, Jairus' daughter, and a paralytic man.

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Words during anointing with oil

In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. AMEN. (ELW 277)

Hymn during anointing with oil

"Heal Me O Lord"

**Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me and I shall be saved;
Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me and I shall be saved.
For you are my praise, save me and I shall be saved.**

Prayer

Let us pray – Living God, we are thankful for the presence of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands and anointing. Gracious Healer, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When we are afraid, give us courage; when afflicted, give us patience; when dejected, give us hope; and when alone, assure us of the support of your holy people. We ask this through, Jesus, the Christ. **AMEN** (ELW pg. 278)

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

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

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

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and the outreach that we do. Your support helps fund the ELCA ministries of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations, Congressional Communication Tools, and the candidacy and call processes that Sonja Pilman is in right now. All contributions are appreciated.

Offertory Prayer

Lord, we give you today what is already yours. You provide so much for us, blessings pressed down, shaken together, running over. Thank you for giving us the ability to give, and cheerful hearts to do it. AMEN

Eucharistic Prayer

O God, it was you who led Abraham and Sarah to the land of promise, who saved your people from the desert of bitter tears, who called them to the land of the living. It was you who blessed Miriam and David when they danced and sang in holy places. And through Jesus the Christ, you taught us to celebrate. Those who were blind saw the sun of your goodness, the crippled leaped for joy, and those who were locked in the prison of their fears were given the freedom to love. Your spirit calls us now, in this place, to gather all people in to our celebration, to help the lame and blind, to wipe away tears with an outstretched hand. AMEN. (*Flames of the Spirit, pg. 105 by Ruth Duck*)

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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.

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.

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Holy Communion

Blessing

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in God's grace.

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 we 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 #779 "Amazing Grace"

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Benediction

May the healing hand of Jesus Christ be with you and keep you in God's loving arms. May the peace of God enfold you and bring you joy and comfort. AMEN
(CWE 2014)

Leader: Go in peace. Share the Good News that God is a great healer!

Congregation: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Postlude