

Online Celtic Worship – May 17, 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.

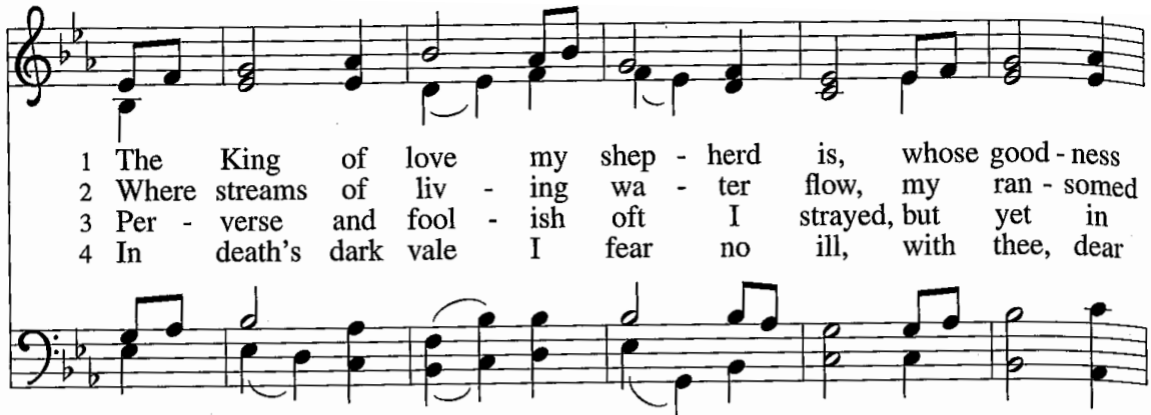
Prelude

Welcome

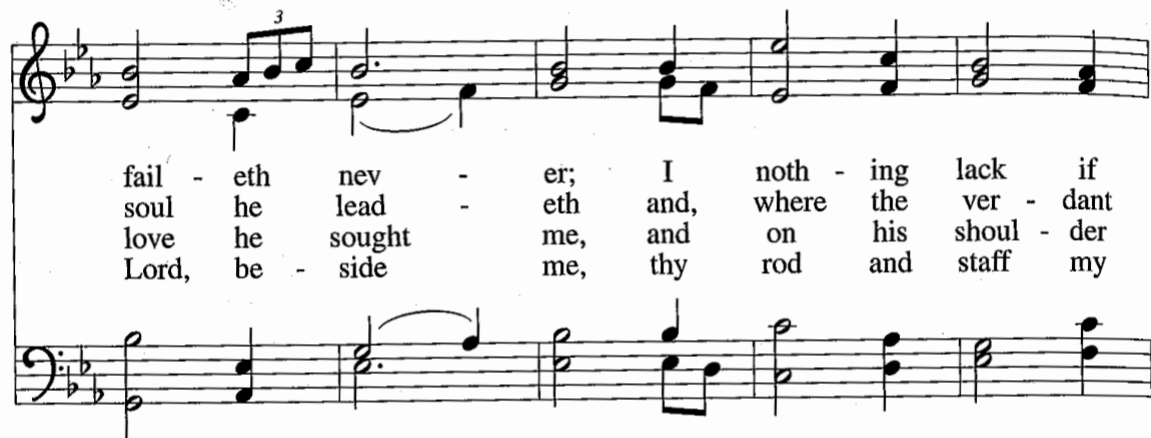
“We welcome all people as children of God and invite them to participate fully in the life and ministry at St. Andrew’s regardless of age, race, gender, education, ethnic origin, marital or family status, cultural heritage, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic reality or diversity of ability. 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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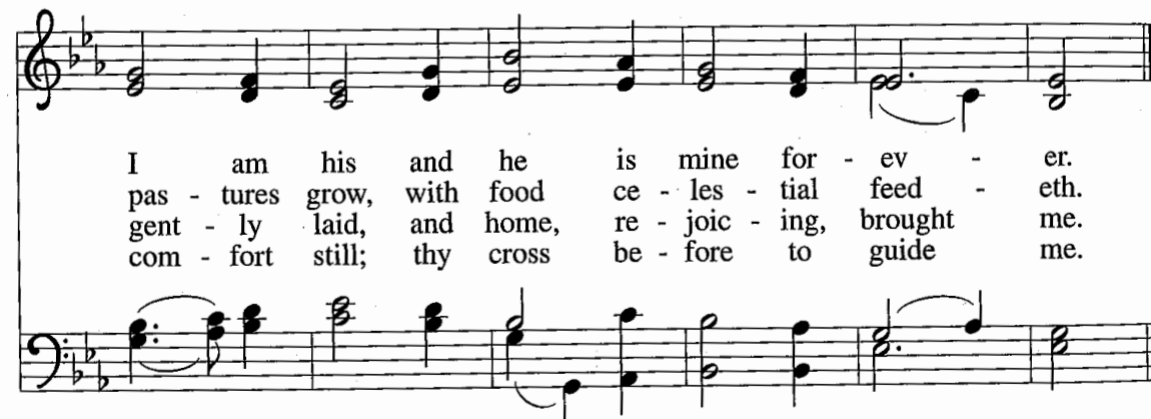
Gathering Hymn ELW #502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" vs 1, 3-5



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

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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)

People: Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know everyday that you are with us, wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN
(Flames of the Spirit, pg. 74 By Lavon Bayler)

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)

Greeting

May the raindrops fall lightly upon your brow
May the soft winds refresh your spirit,

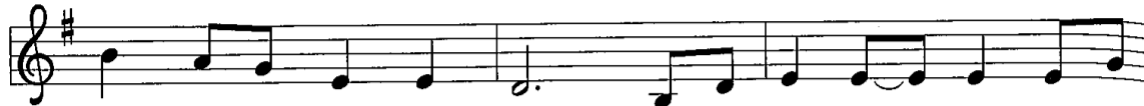
May the sunshine brighten your heart,
May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you
And may God enfold you in the mantle of God's love.

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Hymn of Praise ELW #723 “Canticle of Turning”



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



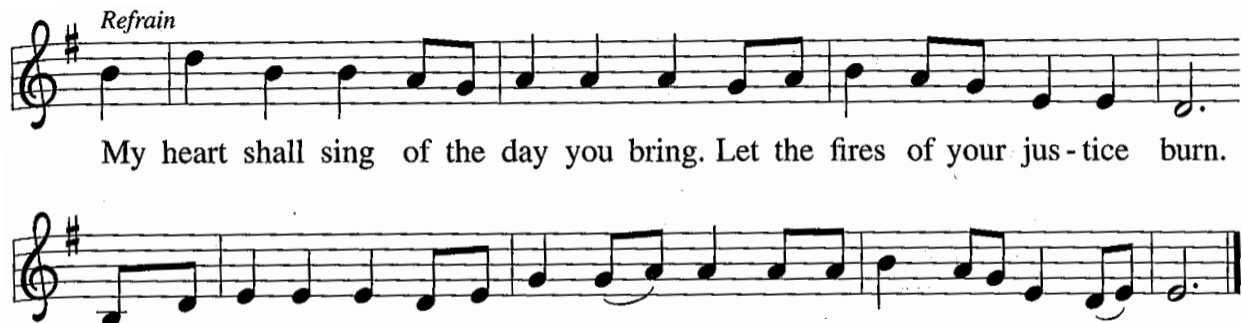
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

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Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.

Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Prayer of the Day

O God, sometimes when we pray, we utter the words
But we do not feel or think them.
Sometimes when we pray, we utter the words,
Thinking about what we say, but not feeling.
Sometimes when we pray, we utter the words,
And we both think and feel what we say.

An act of will cannot make us feel,
Nor stop our minds from wandering,
An act of will can only make us utter.
So I shall utter the words,
And let the spirit do the rest,
Guiding our hearts and minds as she wills. AMEN.

First Reading Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, God who is Lord of heaven and

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earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,

nor is God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since God gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

so that they would search for God and perhaps grope and find God--though indeed God is not far from each one of us.

For 'In God we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are God's offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent,

because God has fixed a day on which to have the world judged in righteousness by one whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising Jesus from the dead."

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Psalm 66:8-20 (Read responsively)

Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of God's praise be heard,
⁹ who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
¹² you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows,
¹⁴ those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what God has done for me.
¹⁷ I cried aloud to God,
and the Lord was extolled with my tongue.
¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
¹⁹ But truly God has listened;
the Lord has given heed to the words of my prayer.
²⁰ Blessed be God,
because God has not rejected my prayer
or removed God's steadfast love from me.

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Second Reading

I Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Gospel Acclamation

ELW #174 "Celtic Alleluia"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a Celtic Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and God will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows the Spirit. You know the Spirit, because the Spirit abides with you, and will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Sermon

by Pastor Katy Grindberg, Assistant to the Bishop, Sierra Pacific Synod

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Sermon Hymn ELW #798 “Will You Come and Follow Me”



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



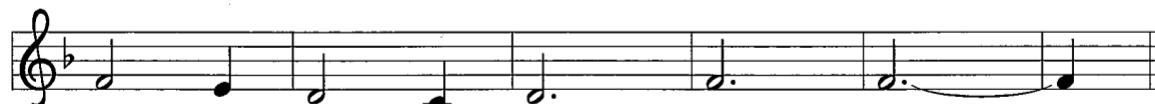
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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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)

Let us pray.

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. (Place hand on your heart.)

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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 Federal Chaplains, Faith and Science, Ethnic specific and multicultural ministries, New Starts. All contributions are appreciated’.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Bunessan (Gaelic Melody)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord - God of pow - er

10
and of might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry

19
Ho - sa - na, sa - na to You. Blest is the One who

27
comes in God's name Ho - sa - na sa-na to You, in high-est

37
heav - ven, Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na Save us now!

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Words of Institution

Pastor: 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

Special Music: WOV #778 "O Christ, the Same"

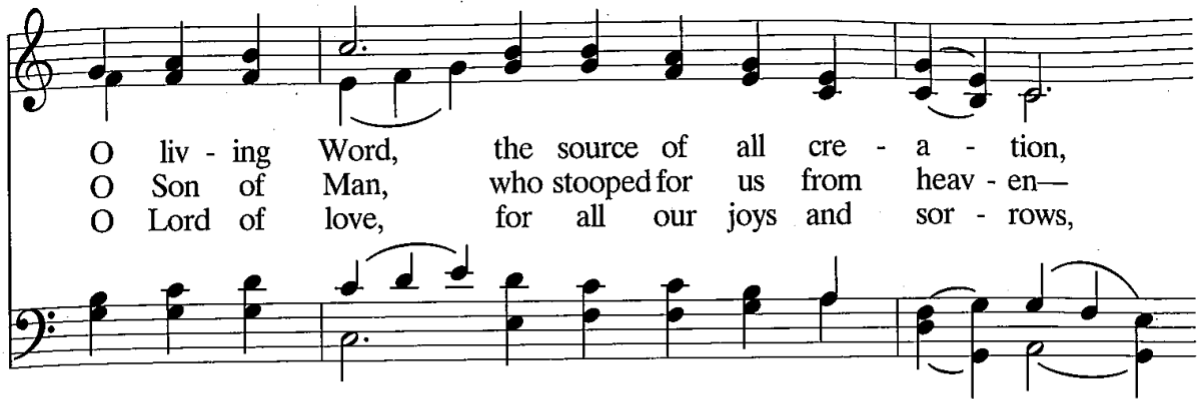
1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

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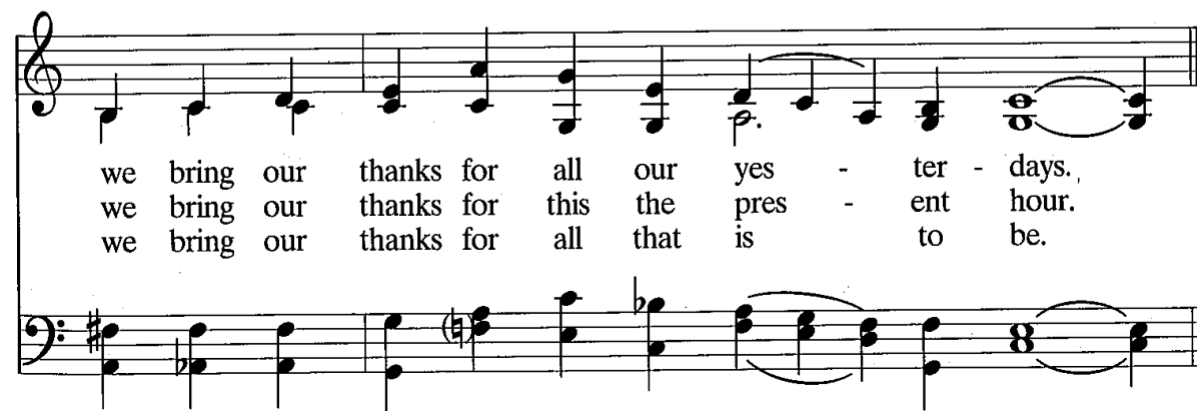
O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days,
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray together.

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)

Sending Hymn ELW #765 “Lord of All Hopefulness”



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

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be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Benediction

Christ of the pilgrim path
and of every pilgrim heart —
Who reveals the divine self
in situations we would rather pass by.
Give you strength and courage
to be a risk-taker
willing to take the unexpected path
for the sake of the gospel.

Dismissal

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

Congregation: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Postlude