

# Online Worship – May 24, 2020

The Path of Prayer

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, 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.

Please gather items for worship: a lit cancel, paper and pen to write down laments, bread/cracker/tortilla, and wine/juice.

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### Gathering Hymn

ELW #764 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

### Silent Confession/Forgiveness

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer. **AMEN**

CONFESSIO N Pastor: We pause for a moment of silent confession.

ABSOLUTION Pastor: Jesus continually has his arms wide open to extend love and forgiveness to us. God calls us to "Come" and gather in God's loving grace. You are all God's beloved children and your sins are forgiven. (CWE Aug 2019)

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## 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.**

## Introduction to the Prayer Liturgy

1. Prayer is being attentive to God's presence at work within and around us; awakens, nurtures, and expresses our longing and need for God.
2. Prayer is not a goal; it is a way to God, a journey into God's deep love for us and for the whole world. "Teach us to Pray," the disciples begged Jesus, knowing they could not do it alone. We, too, learn to pray from Jesus, who teaches us in scripture and through our mentors, companions, and ancestors in the faith.
3. Prayer deepens our relationship to God and engages every part of us – heart and mind, eyes and ears, breath and body, our wonder and our wounds. We light a candle in silence, hike in nature with a friend, or sing a song. We hold a flower, a smooth stone, a photo or the hands of others, we lift our eyes to the night sky, a babbling brook, the waves of the sea, or a field of corn or wheat. We bow or raise our heads, close our eyes, or open them wide.

Whenever, wherever we pray, we are part of a community, fellow pilgrims on a common journey. We are surrounded by the communion of saints; seekers and teachers, prophets and mystics of every time and place. They join us in raising our praise and petitions to the God of all time and space."

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Hymn of Praise “Deep Peace” by Ray Makeever (Singing Our Prayer, Page 7)

Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the

flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to

you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

*To repeat*  
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*Last time*  
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### 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 your, O God, that we find power and serenity. **AMEN** (CWE April 2020)

### First Reading      Acts 1:6-24

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture

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had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup> for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”<sup>18</sup> (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.<sup>19</sup> This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)<sup>20</sup> “For it is written in the book of Psalms,

‘Let his homestead become desolate,  
and let there be no one to live in it’;  
and

‘Let another take his position of overseer.’

<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”<sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen.

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**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35** (Read responsively)

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;

**let those who hate him flee before him.**

<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;

**as wax melts before the fire,**

**let the wicked perish before God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be joyful;

**let them exult before God;**

**let them be jubilant with joy.**

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

**lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—**

his name is the LORD—

**be exultant before him.**

<sup>5</sup>Father of orphans and protector of widows

**is God in his holy habitation.**

<sup>6</sup>God gives the desolate a home to live in;

**he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,**

**but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went out before your people,

**when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah***

<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain

**at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,**

**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;

**you restored your heritage when it languished;**

<sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwelling in it;

**in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

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<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

**sing praises to the Lord, *Selah***

<sup>33</sup> O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

**listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God,

**whose majesty is over Israel;**

**and whose power is in the skies.**

<sup>35</sup> Awesome is God in his sanctuary,

**the God of Israel;**

**he gives power and strength to his people.**

Blessed be God!

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## Second Reading

**I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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**The Holy Gospel**

**John 17:1-11**

<sup>17</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

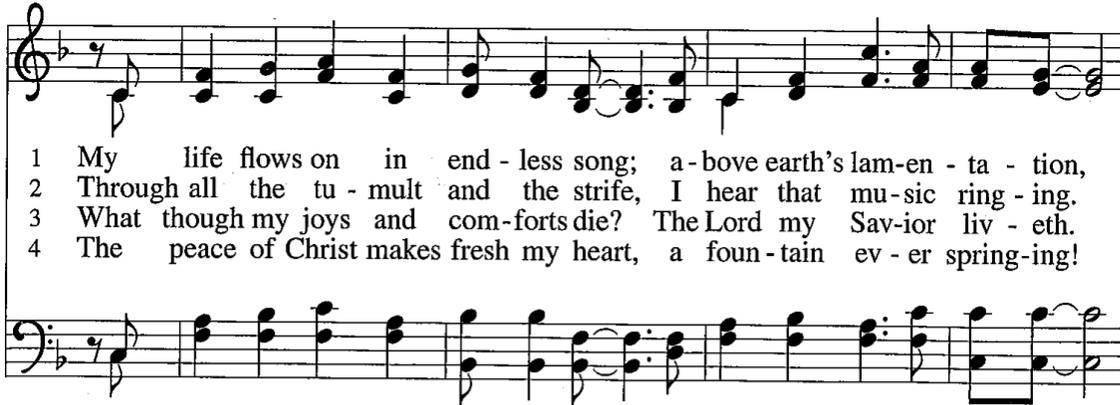
**Glory to you, O God.**

**Sermon**

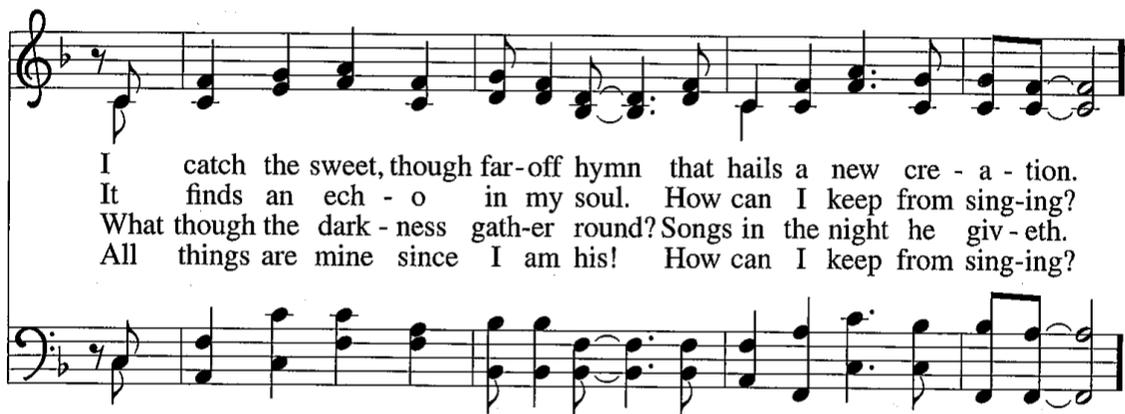
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Sermon Hymn ELW #763 “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

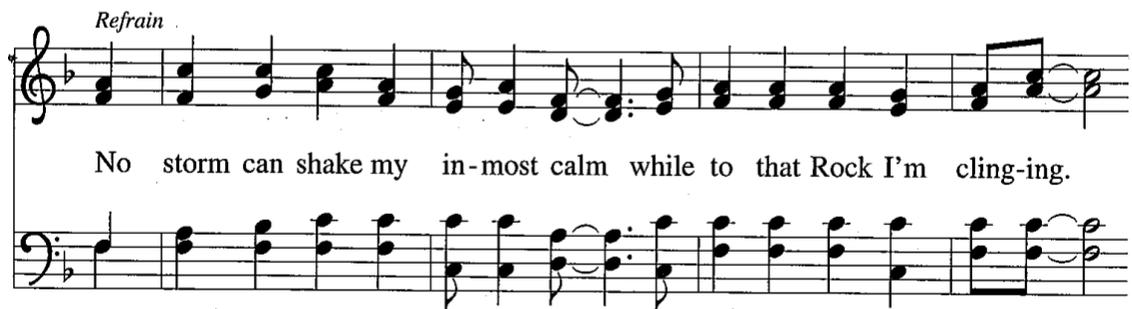


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

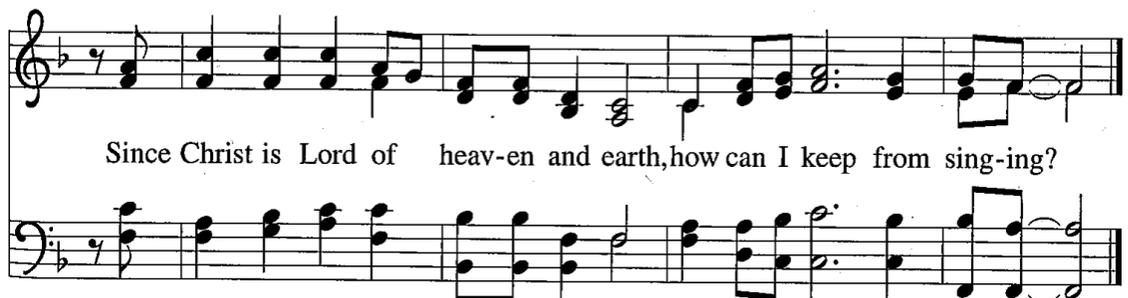


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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## Lament

**Leader:** Let us pray. Gracious God, we bring before you today our prayers of lament. We call on Christ, our Advocate, to pray with us and for us. Draw near to those who call on you, O Jesus, for you know our sufferings and our sorrows. You withstood the powers of evil, stand with us now as we face the powers of evil. You wept at the tomb of your friend, Lazarus; weep with us now in our loss and grief. You cried out to God in your abandonment; cry with us as we lift our voices in lament. Hear us, O God.

**Congregation:** Listen to our cry, O God, Listen to our cry.

We bring our laments to God. Write down what lies heavy on your heart. *(When the laments have come to a natural close, the leader continues by saying):*

**Leader:** “Hear us, O God as we lift our written laments up to you.”

**Congregation:** “Listen to our cry, O God, Listen to our cry.”

**Leader:** Let us pray together:

**Hear our laments, O God, and answer our cries for help. In our despair we plead, trusting you will respond. Bring an end to death and violence, and turn to us in mercy, for you alone are God, mighty and full of love, worthy of praise, now and always. Amen.**

## 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.**

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**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

O Holy One, it is you who hold us in your loving grasp. We hang on to your love with both hands and we work to listen closely and speak with care and wisdom to others during times of crisis.

Help us to hold our nation, our state and our communities closely in prayer for it is only in you that we can find serenity and peace. We reach out to you and place in your hands all those who need your love and healing. We speak aloud or in the silence of our hearts all those who need your care. (pause) We place all these people and situations into your hands knowing that you have heard our prayers and will answer them. Thank you for your compassion and healing. AMEN. (CWE)

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### 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 a hand over your heart.)

### 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 Justice for Women, Spanish Language resources, ELCA Youth Gathering, and New Starts. All contributions are appreciated’.

### The Great Thanksgiving

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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 flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. 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.' The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat, and various note values and rests.

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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.

## **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

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

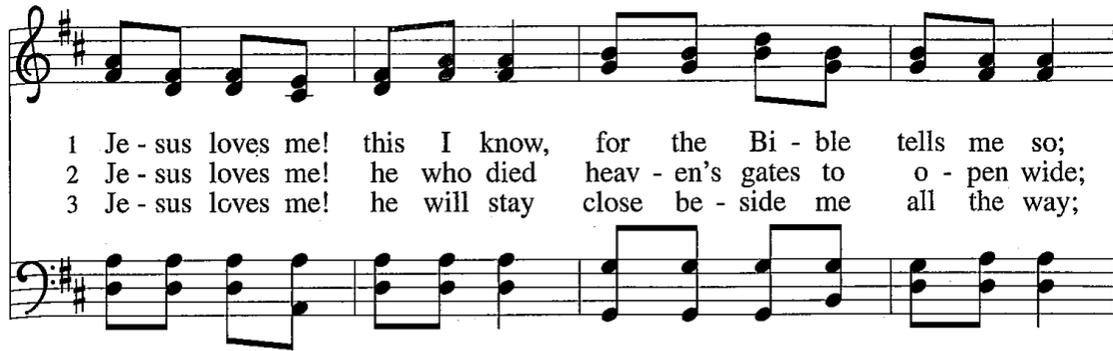
### Post Communion Prayer

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)

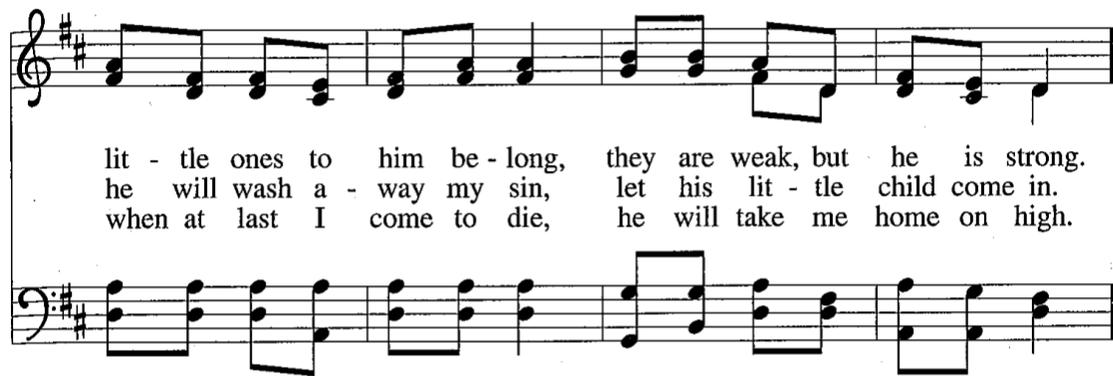
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Sending Hymn ELW #595 "Jesus Love Me!"

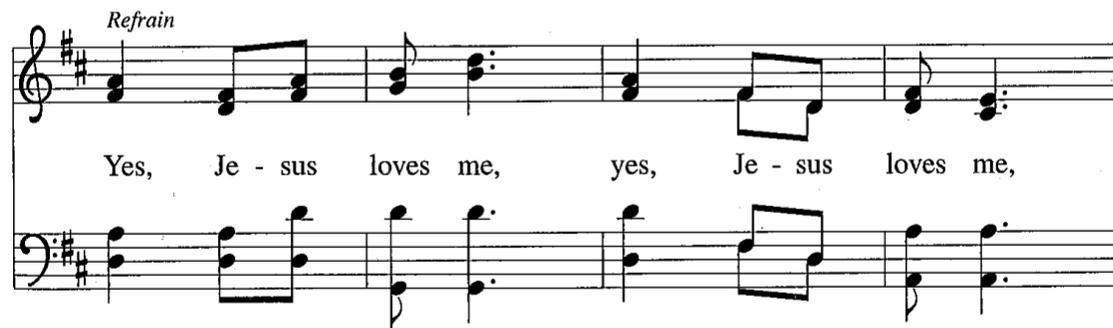


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

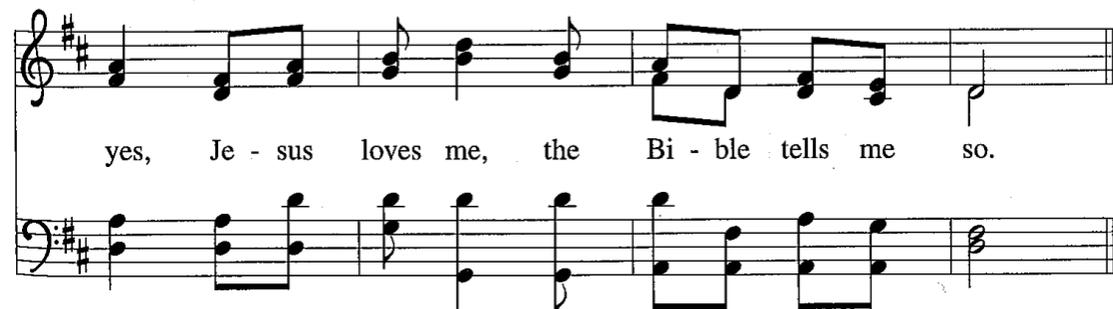


lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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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.

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

**Congregation:       THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **Postlude**