

Online Worship – July 19, 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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Gathering Hymn

HS #798 "I Danced in the Morning" verse 1



1. I danced in the
2. I danced for the
3. I danced on the
4. I danced on a
5. They cut me



morn - ing when the world was be - gun. And I danced in the
scribe and the phar - i - see. But they would - n't
Sab - bath and I cured the lame: The ho - ly peo - ple
Fri - day when the sky turned black: It's hard to
down and I leap up high; I am the



moon and the stars and the sun, And I
dance, and they would - n't fol - low me; I
said it was a shame. They
dance with the dev - il on your back. They
life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



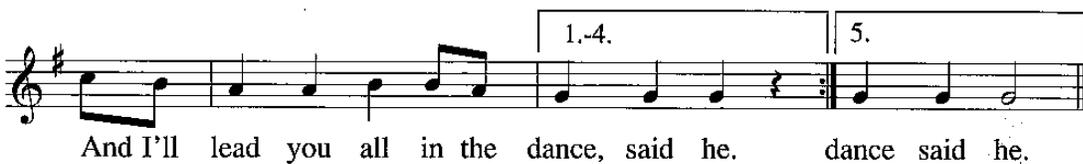
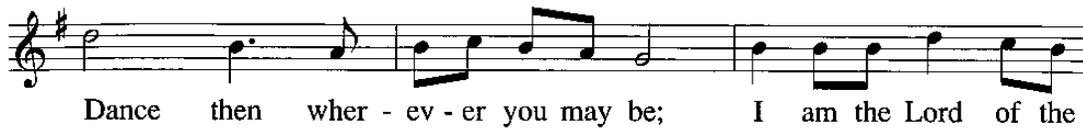
came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth;
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John;
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone;
live in you if you'll live in me:



At Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
They came with me and the dance went on.
And left me there on a cross to die.
But I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

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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

Watchful and caring God, we find you along our journey of faith. You stand at each of the crossroads pointing the way of your truth. You cheer us on as we love your creation and all of your people. You make us want to be faithful to your word and to lean on your love.

Heal us of illness, boredom, impatience, loneliness and fear. Give us hope. God, you are awesome. We lift up your name. AMEN (CWE March 2015, revised)

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First Reading Ezra 4:7-8, 11-22, 24

And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam and Mithredath and Tabeel and the rest of their associates wrote to King Artaxerxes of Persia; the letter was written in Aramaic and translated. ⁸ Rehum the royal deputy and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes as follows

¹¹ this is a copy of the letter that they sent):

“To King Artaxerxes: Your servants, the people of the province Beyond the River, send greeting. And now ¹² may it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you to us have gone to Jerusalem. They are rebuilding that rebellious and wicked city; they are finishing the walls and repairing the foundations. ¹³ Now may it be known to the king that, if this city is rebuilt and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and the royal revenue will be reduced. ¹⁴ Now because we share the salt of the palace and it is not fitting for us to witness the king's dishonor, therefore we send and inform the king, ¹⁵ so that a search may be made in the annals of your ancestors. You will discover in the annals that this is a rebellious city, hurtful to kings and provinces, and that sedition was stirred up in it from long ago. On that account this city was laid waste. ¹⁶ We make known to the king that, if this city is rebuilt and its walls finished, you will then have no possession in the province Beyond the River.” ¹⁷ The king sent an answer: “To Rehum the royal deputy and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their associates who live in Samaria and in the rest of the province Beyond the River, greeting. And now ¹⁸ the letter that you sent to us has been read in translation before me. ¹⁹ So I made a decree, and someone searched and discovered that this city has risen against kings from long ago, and that rebellion and sedition have been made in it. ²⁰ Jerusalem has had mighty kings who ruled over the whole province Beyond the River, to whom tribute, custom, and toll were paid. ²¹ Therefore issue an order that these people be made to cease, and that this city not be rebuilt, until I make a decree. ²² Moreover, take care not to be slack in this matter; why should damage grow to the hurt of the king?”

²⁴ At that time the work on the house of God in Jerusalem stopped and was discontinued until the second year of the reign of King Darius of Persia.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 10:1-8, 17-18 (Read responsively)

Why, O Lord, do you stand far off?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

²In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor—

let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

³For the wicked boast of the desires of their heart,

those greedy for gain curse and renounce the Lord.

⁴In the pride of their countenance the wicked say, "God will not seek it out";

all their thoughts are, "There is no God."

⁵Their ways prosper at all times;

your judgments are on high, out of their sight;

as for their foes, they scoff at them.

⁶They think in their heart, "We shall not be moved;

throughout all generations we shall not meet adversity."

⁷Their mouths are filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;

under their tongues are mischief and iniquity.

⁸They sit in ambush in the villages;

in hiding places they murder the innocent.

Their eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;

¹⁷O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek;

you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear

¹⁸to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,

so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

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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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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 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." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody. There are some rests in the piano part during the vocal phrases.

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25-44

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This the Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O God.

Sermon

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Sermon Hymn HS #774 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Refrain



Verses

1. As	when the shep -	herd	calls his sheep,	They
2. With	joy - ful lips	we	sing to you	Our
3. Is	not the cup	we	bless and share	The
4. The	mys - t'ry of	your	pres - ence, Lord,	No
5. You	give your - self	to	us, O Lord;	Then

know	and heed his voice;	So	when you call your
praise	and grat - i - tude.	That	you should count us
blood	of Christ out - poured?	Do	not one cup, one
mor - tal	tongue can tell:	Whom	all the world can -
self - less	let us be,	To	serve each oth - er

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fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
worth - y, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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 come 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)

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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.

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)

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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 contribute 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 recurring 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 Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations, and Congressional Communication Tools. 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. **AMEN**

Post Communion Prayer

Thank you, God, for being present at our tables today. You are the "Bread of Life" for us and all people. You are the one who keeps our plants and animals going so that we have water and food. This meal allows us to keep walking the path of faith and to look forward to this week with joy and hope. Thank you for your blessings. AMEN (CWE)

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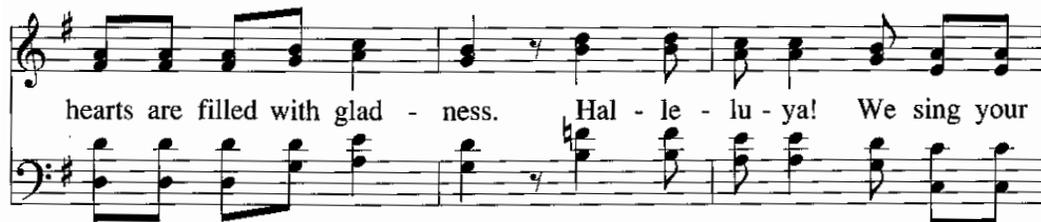
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Sending Hymn HS #780 "Halleluya!"

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - ya! We sing your prais - es, all our

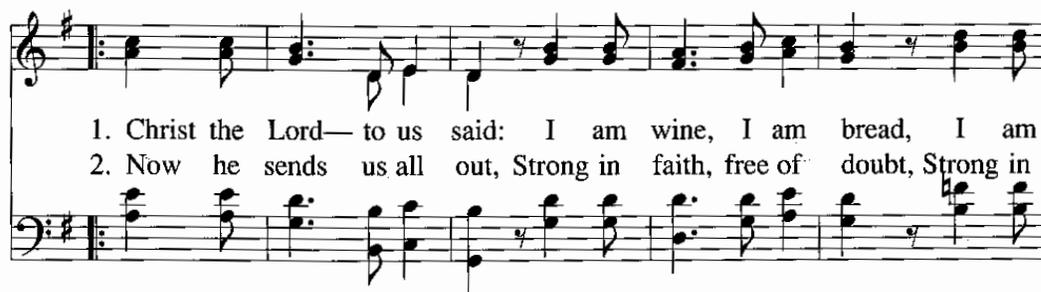


hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - ya! We sing your

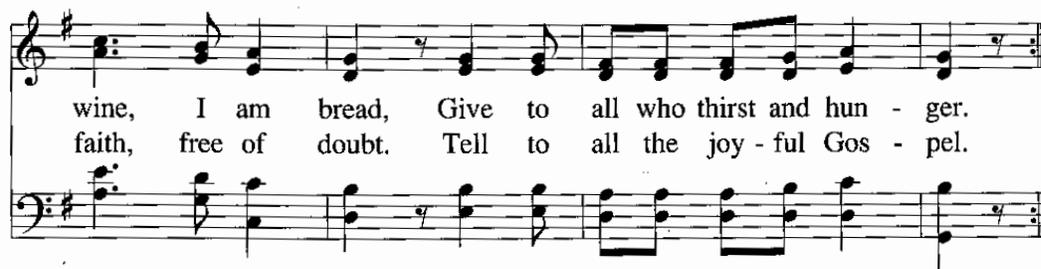


prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Verses



1. Christ the Lord—to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am
2. Now he sends us all out, Strong in faith, free of doubt, Strong in



wine, I am bread, Give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Gos - pel.

Note: The refrain and each verse are always sung twice.

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Benediction

May the joy of God's freedom cause your spirit to dance; May the presence of God's peace bring wholeness to your body and mind. May God give you blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

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

Congregation: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Postlude