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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, 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 #520 “Dearest Jesus, At Your Word”, verse 1

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

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n of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

Kyrie pg. 28



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

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## Hymn of Praise pg. 29



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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## Prayer of the Day

God, you have a powerful voice. You sent prophets throughout history to stand up against corrupt leaders who did not follow your way. Then you sent Jesus who stood up against everyone who was not following your ways of love and commitment to you and to their neighbors. Help us to hear your voice today. Give us strength to be a speaker like John the Baptist, a person of wisdom and love like Jesus and one who is gifted the right words to say by the Holy Spirit. We are filled with gratitude for all of the blessings that you have given us. In the name of Jesus. AMEN (CWE)

## First Reading      Ezra 9:1-5

After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said, “The people of Israel, the priests, and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. <sup>2</sup> For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and for their sons. Thus, the holy seed has mixed itself with the peoples of the lands, and in this faithlessness the officials and leaders have led the way.” <sup>3</sup> When I heard this, I tore my garment and my mantle, and pulled hair from my head and beard, and sat appalled. <sup>4</sup> Then all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the faithlessness of the returned exiles, gathered around me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice.

<sup>5</sup> At the evening sacrifice I got up from my fasting, with my garments and my mantle torn, and fell on my knees, spread out my hands to the Lord my God,

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Psalm 27:1-5** (Read responsively)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**of whom shall I be afraid?**

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me

**to devour my flesh—**

my adversaries and foes—

**they shall stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,

**my heart shall not fear;**

though war rise up against me,

**yet I will be confident.**

<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the Lord,

**that will I seek after:**

to live in the house of the Lord

**all the days of my life,**

to behold the beauty of the Lord,

**and to inquire in God's temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For the Lord will hide me in God's shelter

**in the day of trouble;**

The Lord will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;

**The Lord will set me high on a rock.**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

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Gospel Acclamation pg. 31



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

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

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

The Holy Gospel Matthew 14:1-13a

At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus;<sup>2</sup> and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.”<sup>3</sup> For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife,<sup>4</sup> because John had been telling him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”<sup>5</sup> Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet.<sup>6</sup> But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod<sup>7</sup> so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask.<sup>8</sup> Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.”<sup>9</sup> The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given;<sup>10</sup> he sent and had John beheaded in the prison.<sup>11</sup> The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who

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brought it to her mother. <sup>12</sup> His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

This the Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O God.

**Sermon**

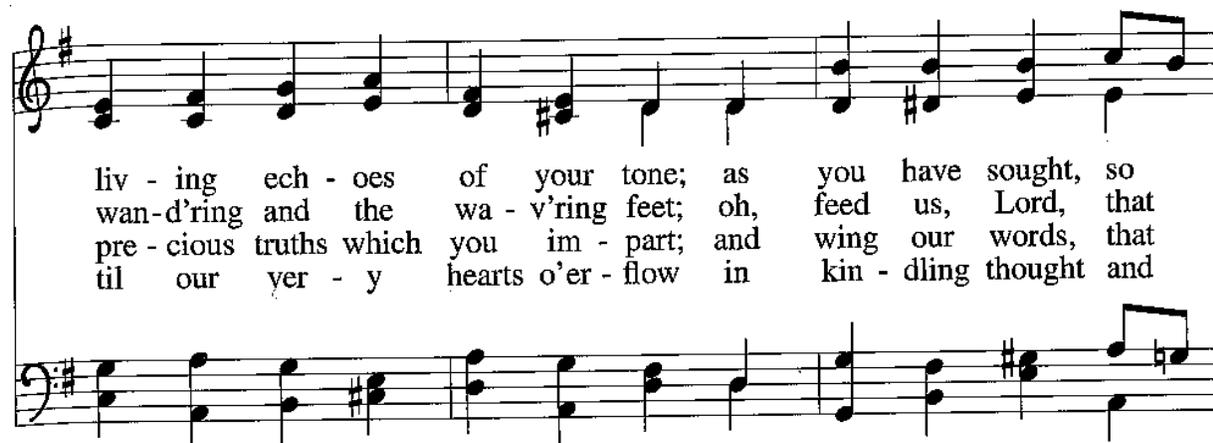
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Sermon Hymn ELW #676 “Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak”, verse 1



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our yer - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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## **Prayers of the People**

God of healing and love, these past few weeks have been scary. Even as we try to keep ourselves and our family safe from the pandemic, now there are fires that have burned thousands of homes and taken human and animal lives. Even as we mourn these tragedies, then the hurricanes and the floods have come. We cry out, “Where is our safety?” We pause and remind ourselves that our safety is in you, O God.

We want to think that we have some control in life, but really, we have no control. What we have is a strong, compassionate, loving and forgiving God. You have given us miracles in the middle of chaos. People opening their homes for evacuees, shelters that opened with food and hospitals with caring staff that provide medical care.

We are grateful.

God, we need more of your miracles as our earth is crying out for healing. We need your help as churches and homes need to be rebuilt. Give us healing for those who are ill and safety for those people fighting fires, those on the front lines of this pandemic and those who are helping in the middle of hurricanes and floods.

We pause and turn over to you all the people, issues and circumstances we know that need your help and care, O God. In the name of Jesus we pray.

**AMEN.** (CWE Sept. 2020)

## **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. Click on the heart on the page. 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.

## **Offering Prayer**

Creator God, there is nothing we have that you have not given us.  
All we have and all we are belong to you. **AMEN** (CWE)

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## The Great Thanksgiving pg. 36

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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.

Detailed description: 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 first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat, and various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) with slurs and ties.

## Eucharistic Prayer pg. 37

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 for us that death is not the last word—that God brings life everlasting.

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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.

## Holy Communion

### Blessing

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

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## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Jesus, there are no words that clearly and powerfully speak of how grateful we are that you sacrificed your own life so that we can have life everlasting. You showed us what it means to live a Godly life. When life gets hard we always feel better when we are able to remind ourselves of how grateful we are for you. Thank you Jesus. AMEN. (CWE 9/2020)

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Sending Hymn

ELW #537 "On Our Way Rejoicing"

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

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hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## Benediction

Go forth in peace. Remember and rejoice in God's promise for you. Today, may you have gratitude for clean water, nutritious food, love of family and friends and a God who will never stop loving you. Bring hope to others all around the world. In the name of Jesus. **AMEN**

## Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## Postlude