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ELW #3

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.

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Gathering Hymn HS #763 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether, verse 1



1. Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, For when
2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er In the
3. All our meals and all our liv - ing Make us



hum - bly in your name, Two or
name of Christ to sup, Then with
sac - ra - ments of you, That by



three are met to - geth - er, You are in the
thanks to God the Fa - ther Break the bread and
car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing, We may be dis -



midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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

Confession

Pastor: We pause for a moment of silent confession.

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)

Apostolic 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.

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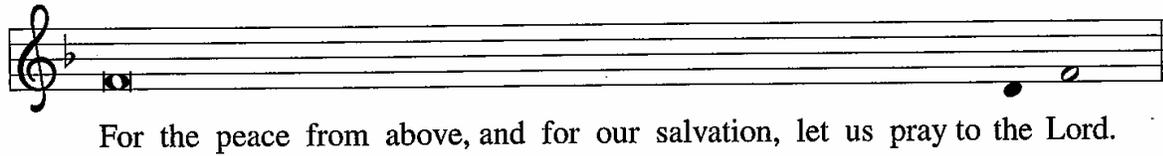
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Kyrie

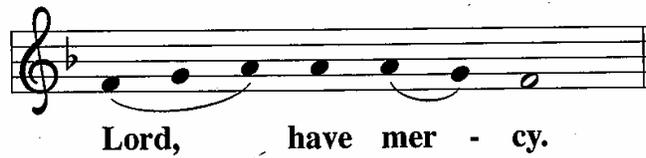
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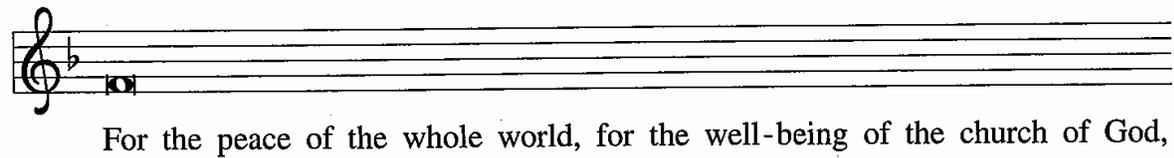
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



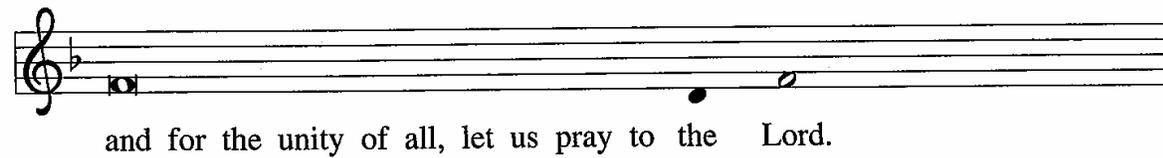
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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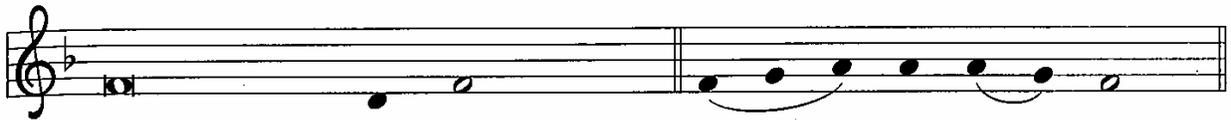
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Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Patient and strong Jesus, you tell us that to become your followers we need to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow you. This can be a scary thing. This sounds painful. Can you show us a loophole? What do you mean by taking up our cross? As we wait for your answer, we can guess that your reply will be to ask ourselves the question, "What would Jesus do in this situation?" This may not be easy. Please show us the way Jesus, and walk with us so that we know that your love will get us through. In the blessed name of Jesus. AMEN (CWE)

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First Reading Ezra 10:1-5

While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children gathered to him out of Israel; the people also wept bitterly. ²Shecaniah son of Jehiel, of the descendants of Elam, addressed Ezra, saying, "We have broken faith with our God and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land, but even now there is hope for Israel in spite of this. ³So now let us make a covenant with our God to send away all these wives and their children, according to the counsel of my lord and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. ⁴Take action, for it is your duty, and we are with you; be strong, and do it." ⁵Then Ezra stood up and made the leading priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear that they would do as had been said. So they swore.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5 (Read responsively)

¹In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;

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

²Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

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

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

for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

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Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

Matt 16:24-28

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

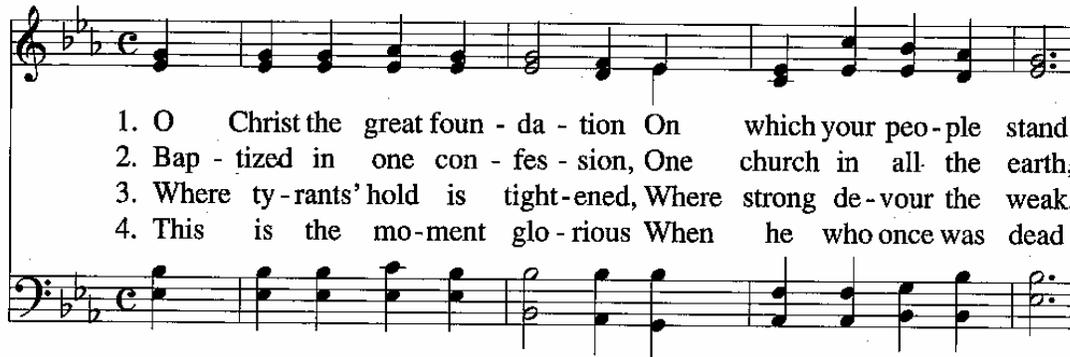
Glory to you, O God.

Sermon

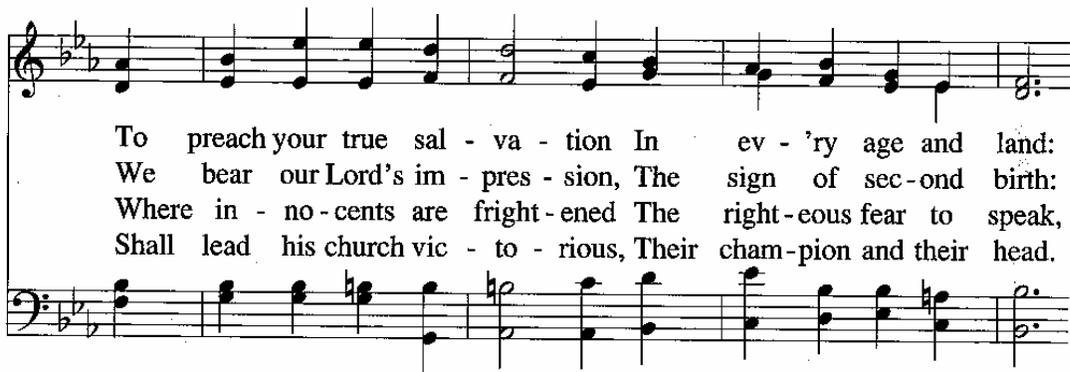
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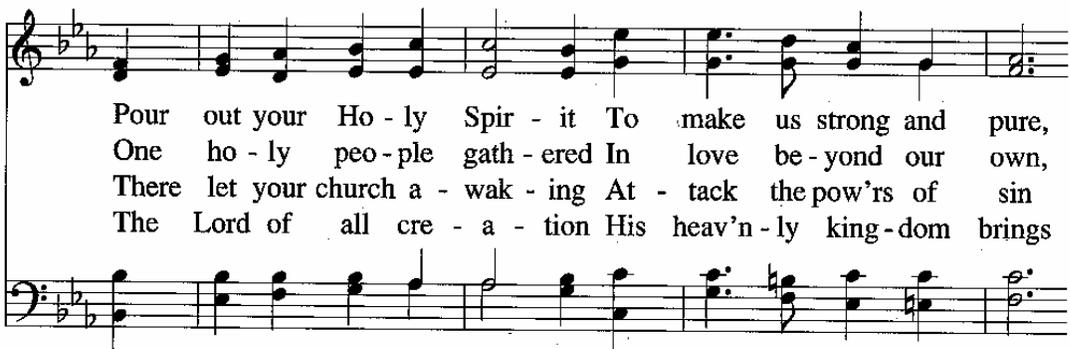
Sermon Hymn HS #822 "O Christ the Great Foundation", verse 1



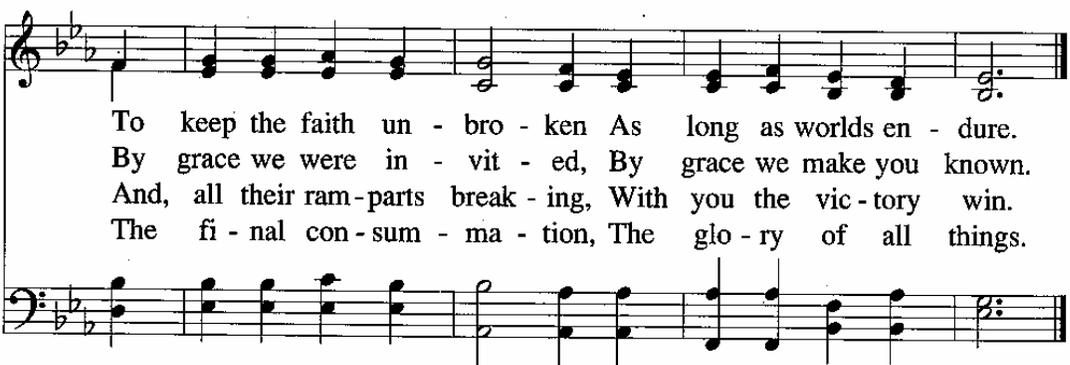
1. O Christ the great foun - da - tion On which your peo - ple stand
2. Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, One church in all the earth,
3. Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, Where strong de - vour the weak,
4. This is the mo - ment glo - rious When he who once was dead



To preach your true sal - va - tion In ev - 'ry age and land:
We bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, The sign of sec - ond birth:
Where in - no - cents are fright - ened The right - eous fear to speak,
Shall lead his church vic - to - rious, Their cham - pion and their head.



Pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it To make us strong and pure,
One ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered In love be - yond our own,
There let your church a - wak - ing At - tack the pow'rs of sin
The Lord of all cre - a - tion His heav'n - ly king - dom brings



To keep the faith un - bro - ken As long as worlds en - dure.
By grace we were in - vit - ed, By grace we make you known.
And, all their ram - parts break - ing, With you the vic - tory win.
The fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, The glo - ry of all things.

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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.**

Prayers of the People

God of all power and might, this year has felt like something out of the Old Testament scriptures. The difference is that we can look at the virus and the change in weather to poor human decisions over decades. You have showed us the way of repentance and how changing our ways will help our earth and the lives of our families for generations to come. Keep showing us what we have the power to change and remind us that there is a lot that we do not control and need to turn over to you.

There are so many people, situations and issues that need your healing, forgiveness and your compassion. We turn these over to you now in the silence of our hearts or out loud. ... (pause) We turn all these people and situations over to you God, knowing that you have heard our prayer. Our load is lighter because we can lean on your love and peace. AMEN (CWE, Sept. 2020)

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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. (PEACE SIGN, BOW)

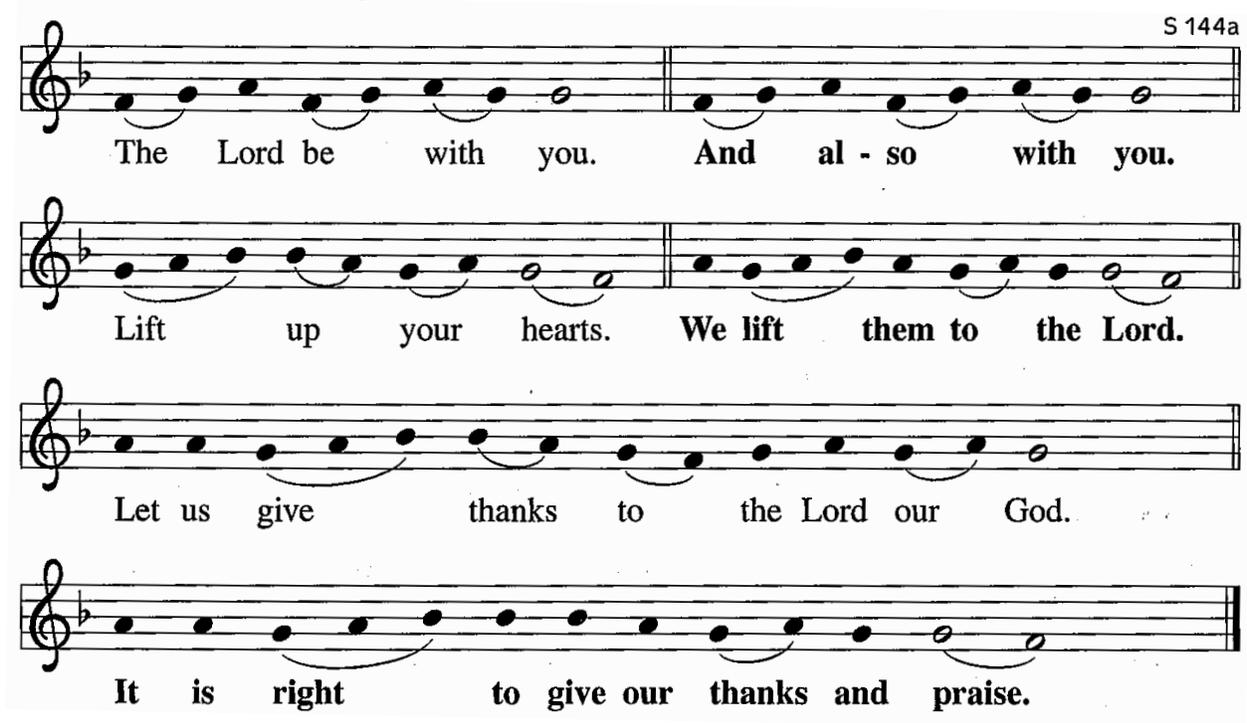
Offering

*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 and the outreach that we do. Your support helps fund the ELCA ministries of Lutheran Offices for Public Policy, HIV & AIDS Ministry, AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Representation and Opportunities). All contributions are appreciated.

Offertory 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)

The Great Thanksgiving



S 144a

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 musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

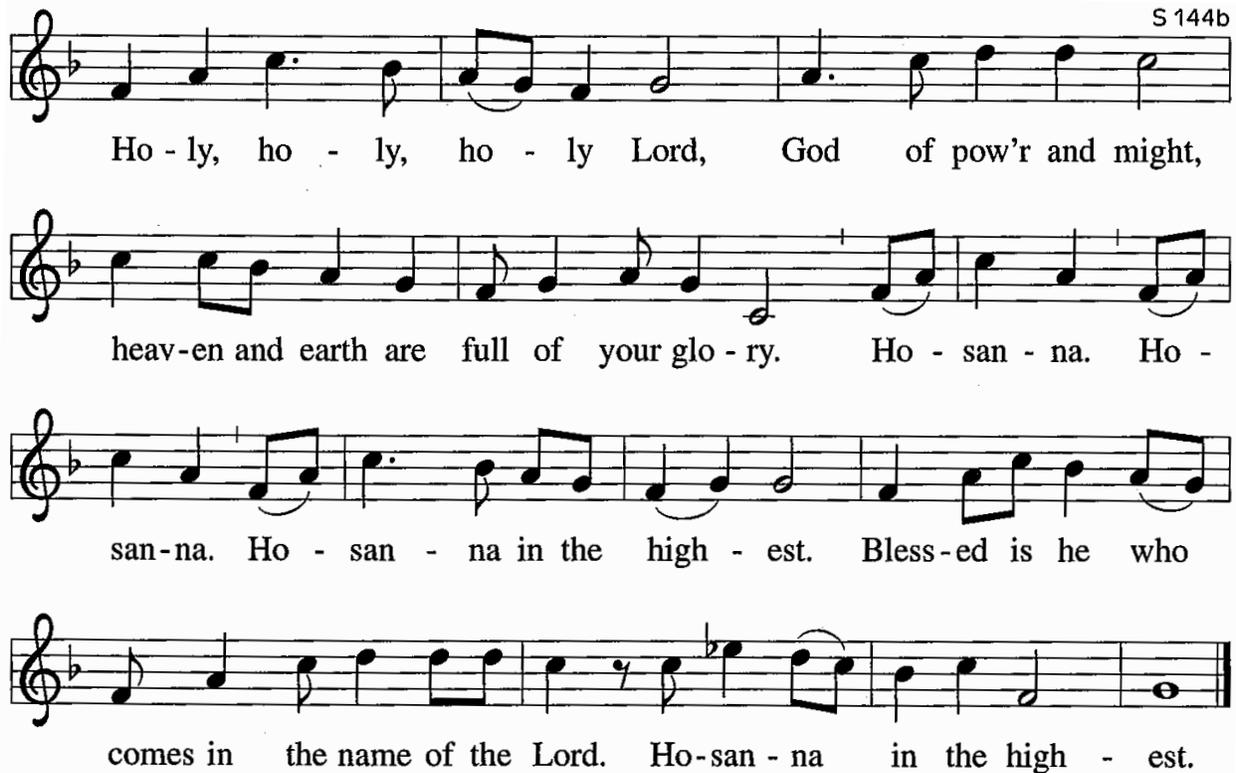
Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life. (Flames of the Spirit, pg. 103)

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Holv. Holv

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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. 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. Drink this and remember me.

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

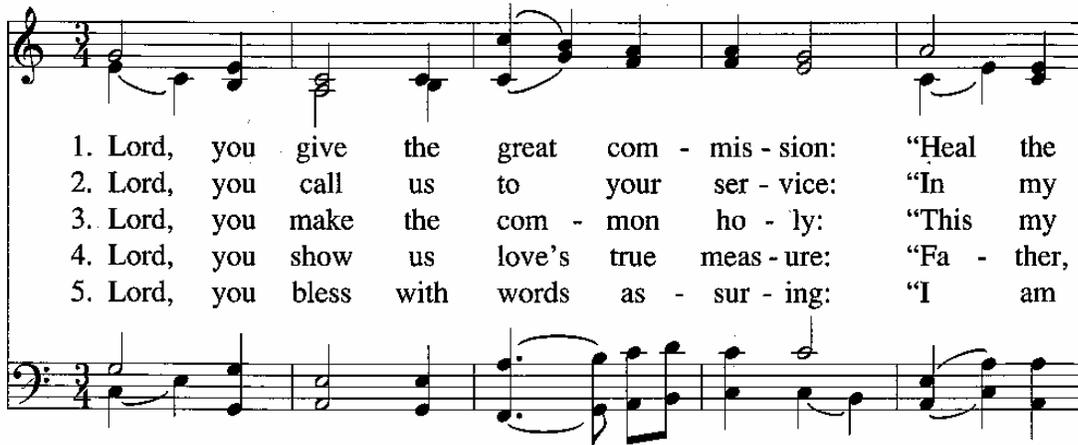
Let us pray.

Compassionate Jesus, being offered the bread and wine or juice never gets commonplace. Each time we eat the bread and wine, we remember your saving act on the cross and we feel your love. We are grateful for the empty tomb and that death is not the end for us. This meal helps us feel alive and tells us that your power is larger than we can imagine. Thank you for creating this day as a day filled with your hope. In the name of Jesus. AMEN (CWE)

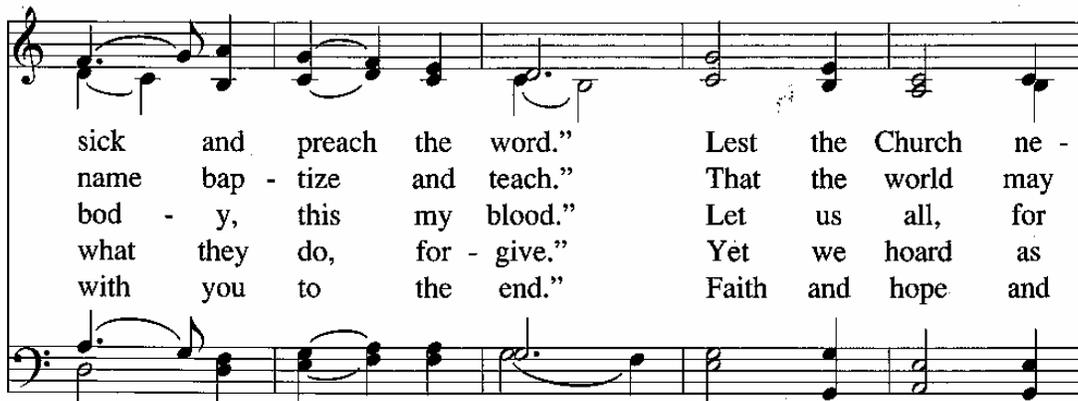
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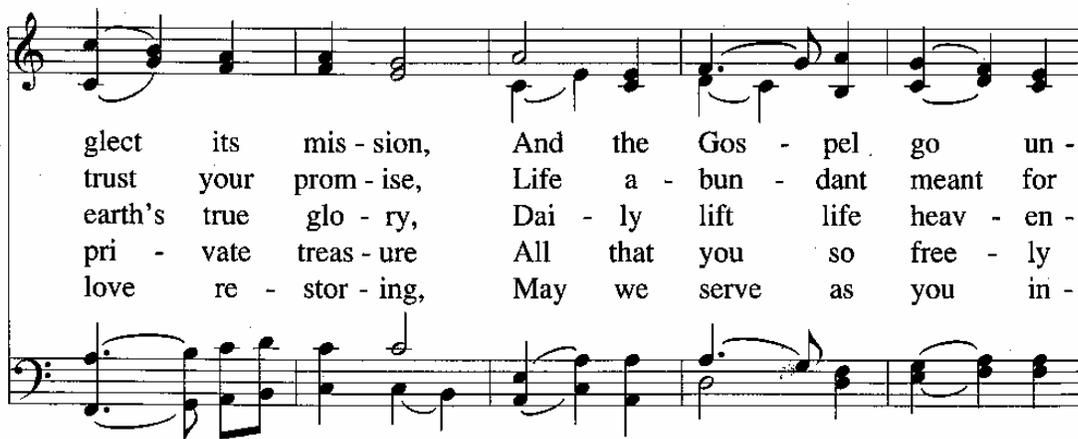
Sending Hymn HS #748 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission", verse 1



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
4. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther,
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne -
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
what they do, for - give." Yet we heard as
with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, And the Gos - pel go un -
trust your prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for
earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly lift life heav - en -
pri - vate treas - ure All that you so free - ly
love re - stor - ing, May we serve as you in -

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heard, Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
each, Give us all new fer - vor, draw us
ward, Ask - ing that the world a - round us
give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
tend, And, a - mid the cares that claim us,

With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
Clos - er in com - mun - i - ty;
Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
To a just so - ci - e - ty;
Hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us

For the work of min - is - try.

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Benediction

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,
the love of God be reflected in your hands,
the wisdom of God be reflected in your words,
and the knowledge of God flow from your heart,
that all might see, and seeing, believe. **AMEN**

Pastor: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Flowers In Memory of Maggie Timeus' Sister Betty Staton's Birthday