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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, 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 #834 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise", verse 1

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (ELW #834), verse 1. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the verse with a double bar line.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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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.

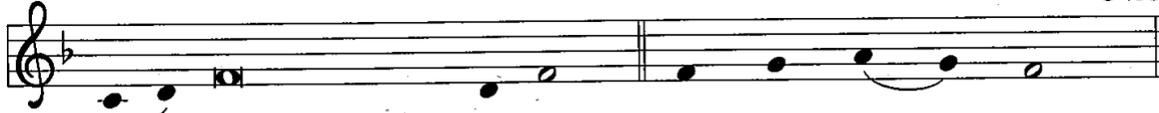
**Congregation: And also with you.**

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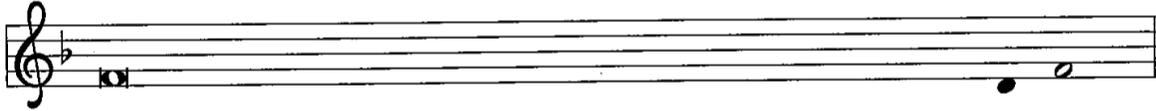
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## Kyrie

S 138



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,



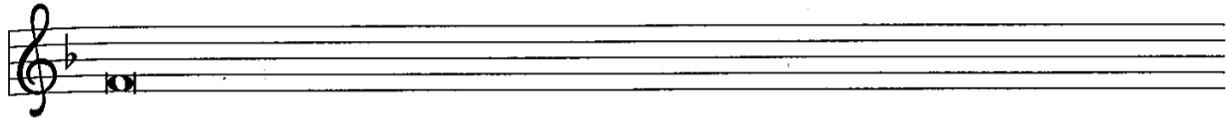
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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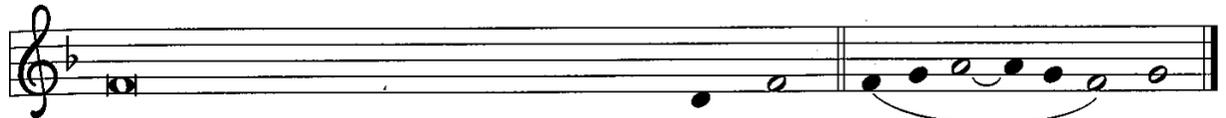
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

O God, in the book of Ezra we learn about the ancient Israelites who showed you their sorrow for disobeying you. We learn that they wept, fasted, confessed and prayed. God, help us to keep our eyes on you and to speak our confession as boldly and with sorrow as they did so long ago. Send your Holy Spirit to guide our path, so that we are focused on your will for our lives. In the Holy name of Jesus. AMEN (CWE)

## First Reading      Ezra 10:6-17

<sup>6</sup>Then Ezra withdrew from before the house of God, and went to the chamber of Jehohanan son of Eliashib, where he spent the night. He did not eat bread or drink water, for he was mourning over the faithlessness of the exiles. <sup>7</sup>They made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the returned exiles that they should assemble at Jerusalem, <sup>8</sup>and that if any did not come within three days, by order of the officials and the elders all their property should be forfeited, and they themselves banned from the congregation of the exiles.

<sup>9</sup>Then all the people of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month. All the people sat in the open square before the house of God, trembling because of this matter and because of the heavy rain. <sup>10</sup>Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have trespassed and married foreign women, and so increased the guilt of Israel. <sup>11</sup>Now make confession to the Lord the God of your ancestors, and do his will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives." <sup>12</sup>Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, "It is so; we must do as you have said. <sup>13</sup>But the people are many, and it is a time of heavy rain; we cannot stand in the open. Nor is this a task for one day or for two, for many of us have transgressed in this matter. <sup>14</sup>Let our officials represent the whole assembly, and let all in our towns who have taken foreign wives come at appointed times, and with them the elders and judges of every town, until the fierce wrath of our God on this account is averted from us." <sup>15</sup>Only Jonathan son of Asahel and Jahzeiah son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levites supported them.

<sup>16</sup>Then the returned exiles did so. Ezra the priest selected men, heads of families, according to their families, each of them designated by name. On the first day of the tenth month they sat down to examine the matter. <sup>17</sup>By the first day of the first month they had come to the end of all the men who had married foreign women.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Psalm 32:1-7** (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**

<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup> While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**

<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah***

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
**and I did not hide my iniquity;**

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
**and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah***

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful  
**offer prayer to you;**

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
**shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me;

**you preserve me from trouble;**

**you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah***

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

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## Gospel Acclamation

S 142a

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

### Matthew 17:14-21

<sup>14</sup> When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, <sup>15</sup> and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. <sup>16</sup> And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." <sup>17</sup> Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me." <sup>18</sup> And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. <sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>20</sup> He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O God.**

## Sermon

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## Sermon Hymn ELW #721 "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is  
Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is  
vic-t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.  
vic-t'ry is ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

## **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**

Jesus, healer of the universe, this has been a challenging year. We focus on taking each day at a time. There is sorrow for those who are ill and those who have lost their homes and businesses due to fire, hurricane or pandemic. We are grateful for all those who are helpers: fire fighters, researchers, drug store workers, grocery store clerks, nurses, teachers, doctors, Recology drivers, and older adults who are helping to care and teach children.

Help us in times of loneliness and grief, hurt and pain. Listen to our prayers of gratitude and joy at the news of a baby born, another COVID survivor, the replanting of a forest and an on-line wedding. One day at a time. With your help Jesus, we can get through this. **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. (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

Jesus, we give to you out of gratitude because you give to us. All that we have is due to your generous blessings. We give with a grateful heart. **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.

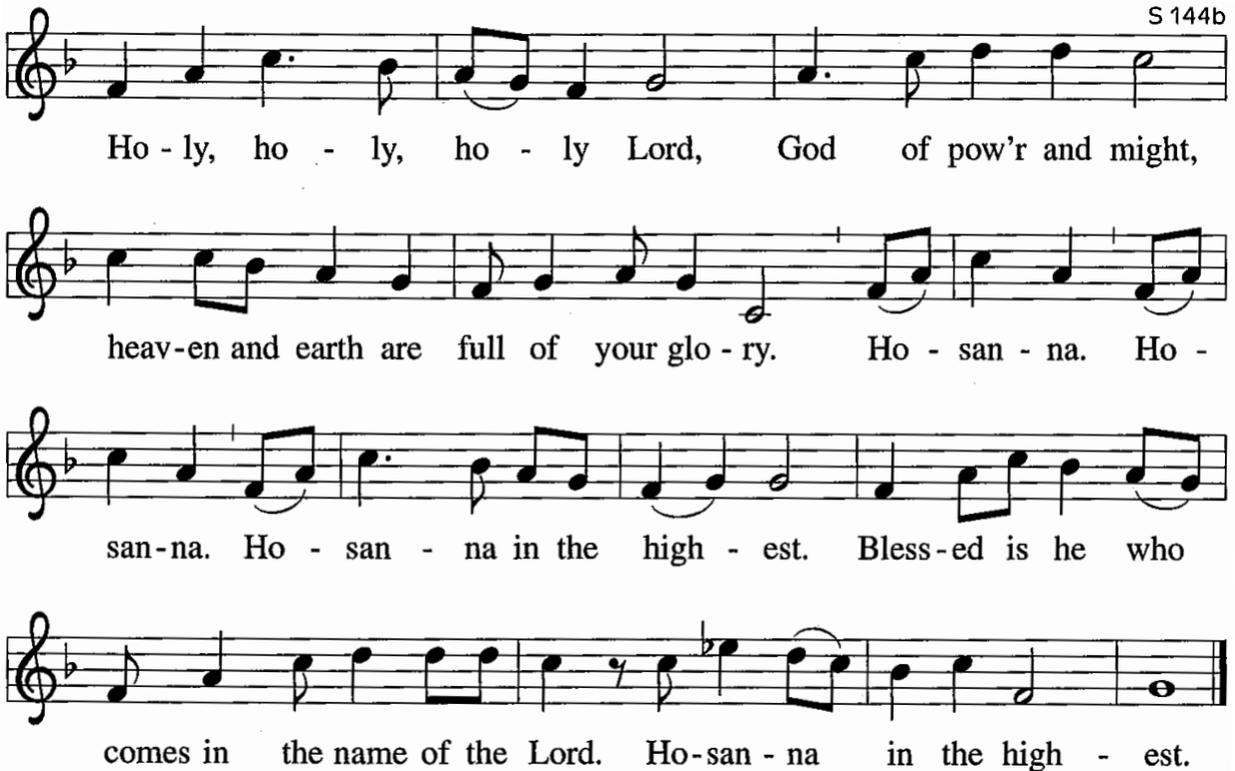
The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines. 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.'

## 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)

## Holy, Holy

S 144b



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.

## 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

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

### 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** ELW #535 "Hallelujah We Sing your Praises"

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



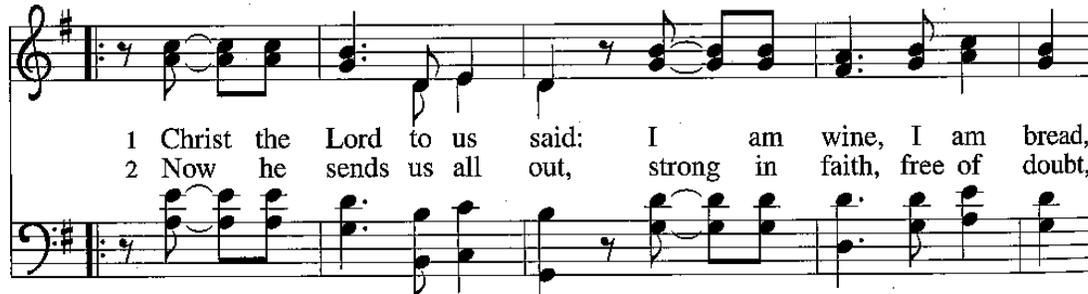
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

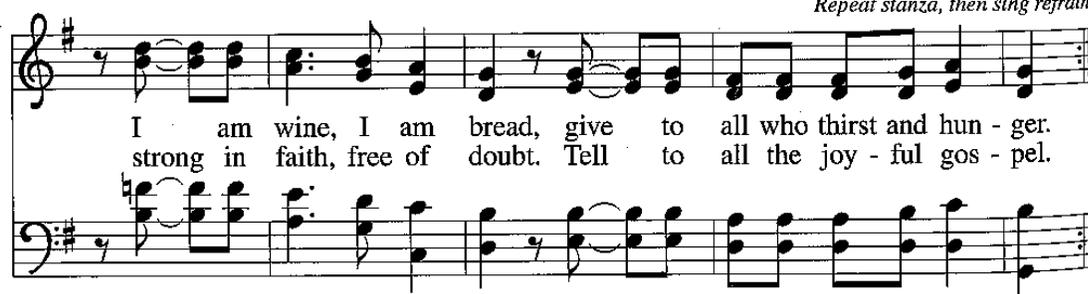


ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



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

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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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's mother Dora's birthday