

# Online Worship – October 25, 2020

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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: bread/cracker/tortilla and wine/juice. Feel share this bulletin and this worship service with friends, family, or neighbors.

**“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.

**Prelude** by Bell Choir      "A Mighty Fortress is our God" arr. by Derek K. Hakes

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## **Call to Worship**

**Pastor:** Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God, that we may celebrate the witness of our forefathers and foremothers and the courage that gave birth to the Reformation.

**Congregation:** Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past as well as in our present days.

**Pastor:** May the conviction of our grace written on their hearts be one that forms our own faith.

**Congregation:** Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church and be present to us in word and sacrament. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Welcome**

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## Gathering Hymn

ELW #504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", verses 1-2



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



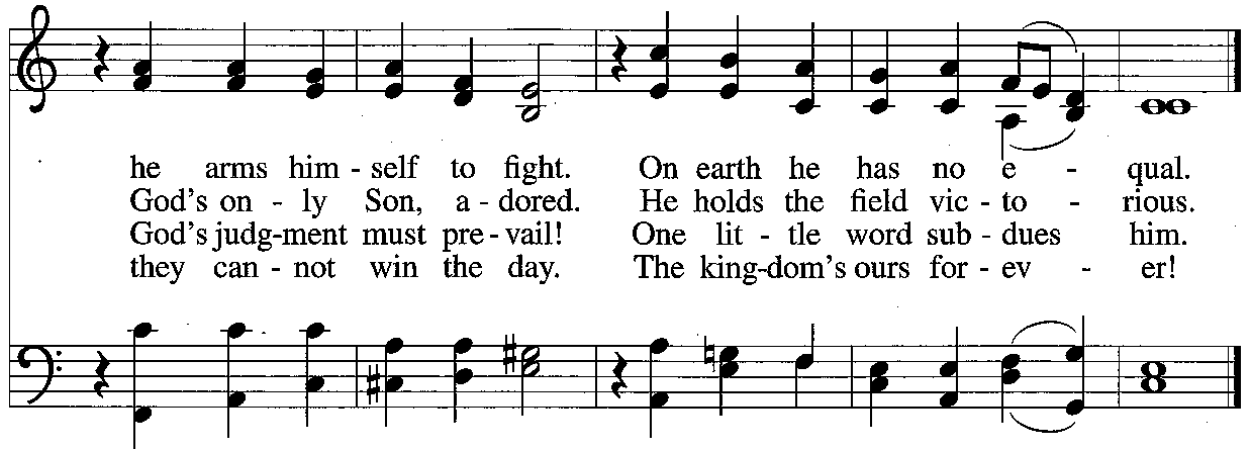
has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



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he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## 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.**

## Confession

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts!

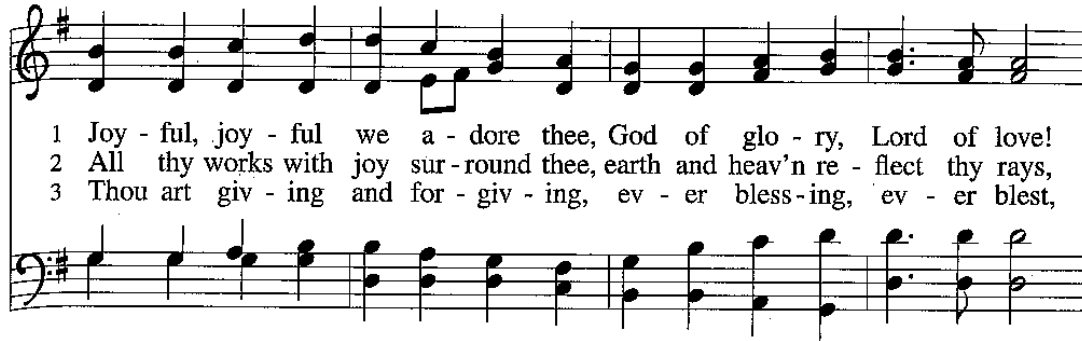
## Absolution

**Pastor:** I declare to you that in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. God has done great things for us. **Amen!**

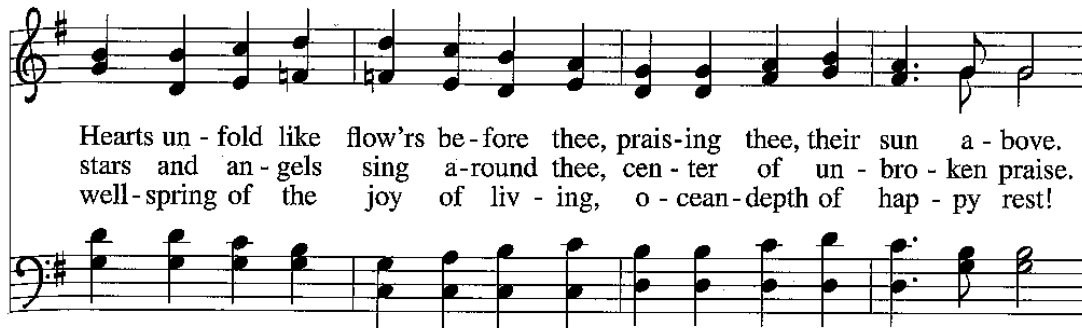
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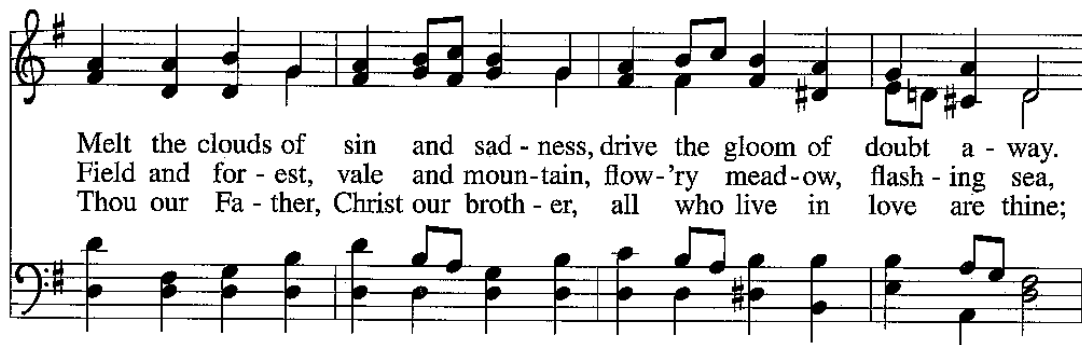
## Hymn of Praise ELW #836 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee", verse 1



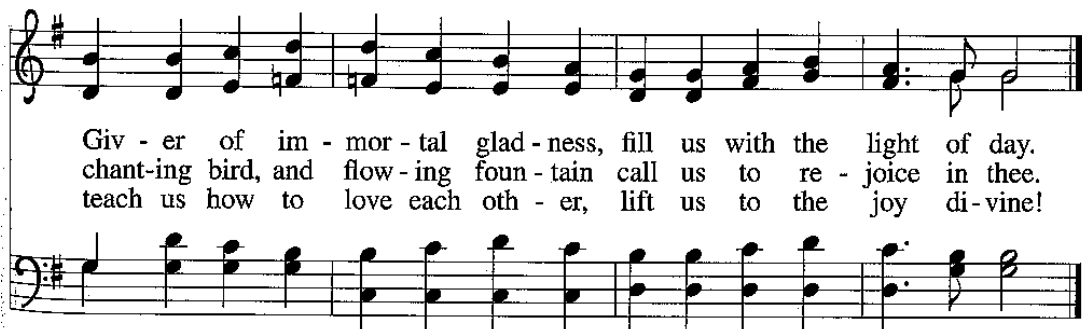
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you have watched over the followers of Jesus for over 2,000 years. You have seen changes in worship styles, music, prayers and sermons. You have seen your people act with defiance like Adam and Eve and with jealousy like Cain against Abel. You have seen your people make bad choices and be leaders of the faith like Moses, David, Esther and Paul. You watched as Martin Luther presented 95 points of discussion on a door over 500 years ago and you gave him courage and bravery to speak out for justice and peace. Help us, O God, to listen to you and to watch as you work in this world. Help us to be flexible and support changes that facilitate ways of telling your story to all people and reaching out to your children everywhere. AMEN. (CWE)

## First Reading      Genesis 25:27-34

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup> Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. <sup>29</sup> Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. <sup>30</sup> Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) <sup>31</sup> Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." <sup>32</sup> Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup> Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Response:

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Psalm 34:1-8** (Read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
- <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**
- <sup>3</sup> O magnify the Lord with me,  
**and let us exalt God's name together.**
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and God answered me,  
**and delivered me from all my fears.**
- <sup>5</sup> Look to God, and be radiant;  
**so your faces shall never be ashamed.**
- <sup>6</sup> This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
**and was saved from every trouble.**
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps  
**around those who fear God, and delivers them.**
- <sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
**happy are those who take refuge in God.**

Pastor: The Psalm of the faithful.

**Congregation: Praise the Lord!**

## Gospel Acclamation



S205a

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 17:22-27**

<sup>22</sup> As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, <sup>23</sup> and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised.” And they were greatly distressed.

<sup>24</sup> When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?” <sup>25</sup> He said, “Yes, he does.” And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?” <sup>26</sup> When Peter said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the children are free. <sup>27</sup> However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me.”

Pastor: This the Gospel of the Lord.   **Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**



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## Hymn of the Day

ELW #717 "Let Justice Flow Like Streams", verse 1

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Let Justice Flow Like Streams". It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The second system continues the melody and bass line, with lyrics written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line.

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray,

God of the healing power, you loved us before we were born and you continue to love us today. We know that you have not forgotten us. Help us to see how you enter our lives and weave yourself into our world as a beacon of hope.

This day we place in your hands those who are in need of care, healing, safety, food and shelter.

Hear our individual prayers as we say them aloud or in the silence of our hearts. *(pause for the prayers of those gathered)*

Gather our prayers in your arms, O God. We know that you hear us and we ask that you answer our prayers. Help us to be patient as we wait for you to answer our prayers. Guide us in the path of your will for our lives. We pray all this in the name of Jesus. **AMEN.** (CWE)

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## Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The 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. 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, we know that you have made everything in this world. You have been so generous to us every day. Accept our time, energy and resources as we give back to you what you have freely given to us. Amen. (CWE)**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Response: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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## Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: O Holy One, from your first handful of creative clay, you have loved and shaped your Creation. You have lovingly fed and nurtured us, giving us the gift of your Torah, and the challenging guidance of your prophets.

You sent the treasure of your only child, Jesus, as a guide, model and witness. By his faithfulness even to death, he became our Savior.

When you showed us that the power of death has been broken in his resurrection, you gave us the gift of your Holy Spirit to call, gather and enlighten us in the communion of Saints. With those witnesses of every age we join our voices singing.

*By Steve Eulberg from "We Have This Treasure," Owl Mountain Music, Inc.*

## Holy, Holy

S207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, blessed it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Eat of this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to 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 of this, in remembrance of 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

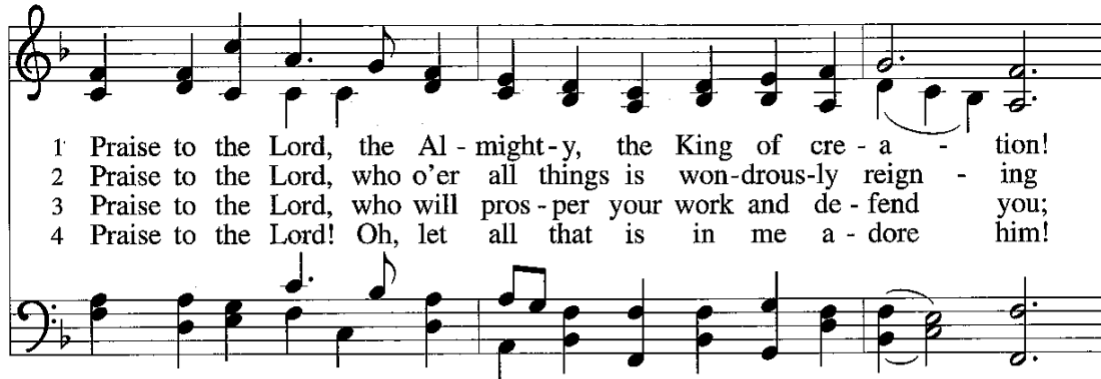
### Blessing

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

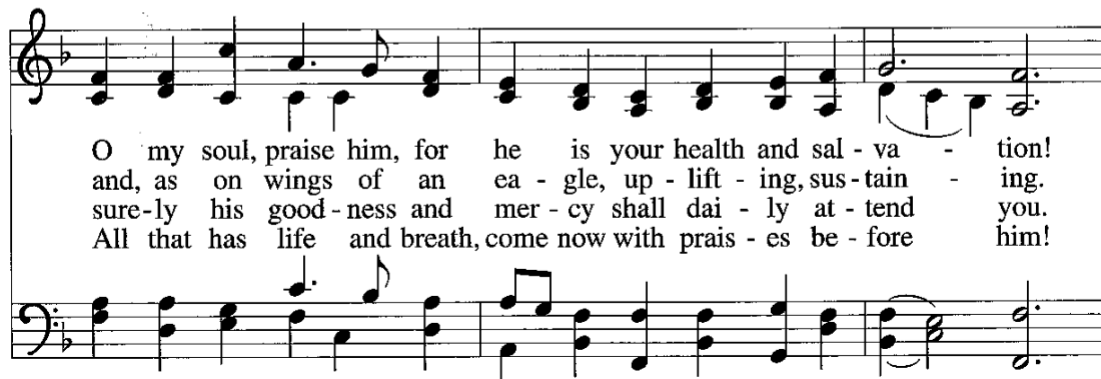
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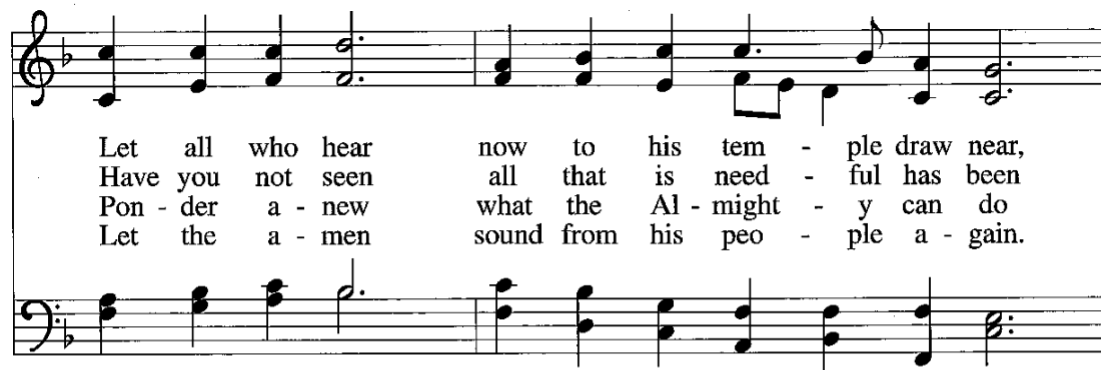
## Post Communion Hymn ELW #858 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", verse 1



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray,

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 be never 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.

*Pg. 51 "More Than Words" Janet Schaffran and Pat Kozak*

## 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**

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## Sending Hymn ELW #660 "Lift High the Cross", verse 1

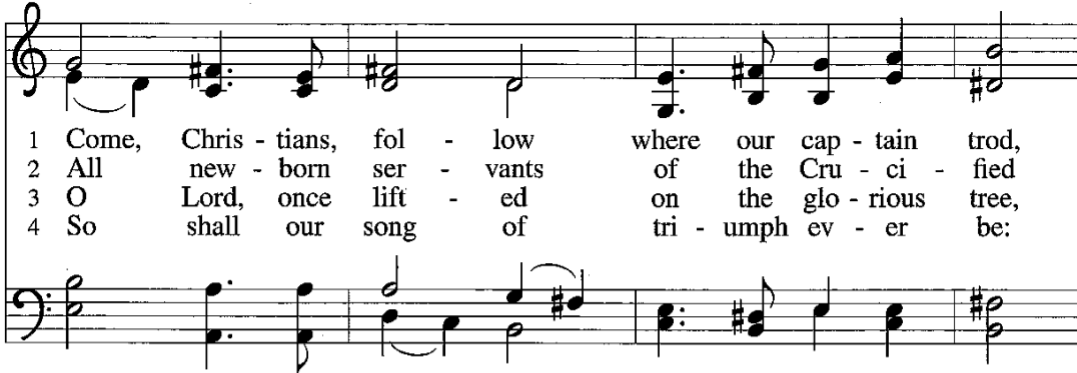
*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

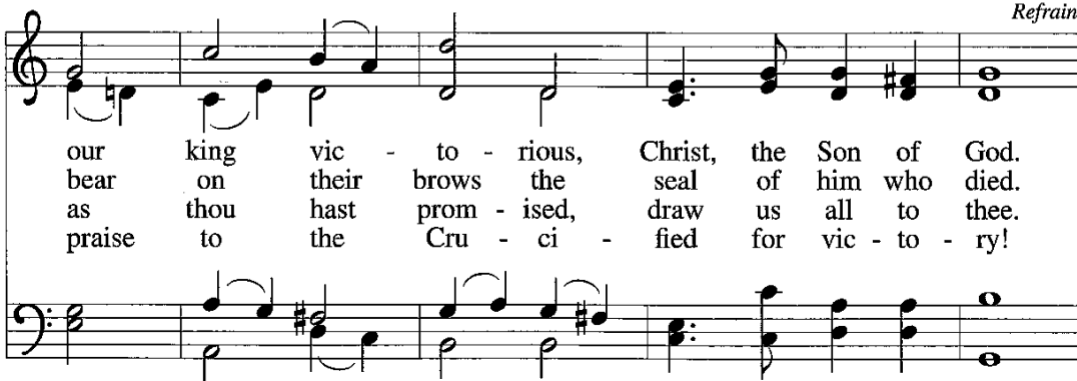


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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## **Dismissal**

Pastor:           Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Congregation:   THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **Postlude**