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All Saints' Day – Blessing and Praise

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.

Today is All Saints Day. This is the day that we remember all who have died since last year. We have not had a member of our church die since last year at this time. St. Andrew’s has been blessed, yet our country has had hundreds of thousands die in the pandemic that plagues our world.

In the Lutheran church we normally have white be our color of the day. Our seminarian, Rachel San Diego helped to plan this worship and she recommended that the altar be adorned with a wide variety of colors that reflect the many colors worn by our beloved departed.

It is with joy that we remember the lives of our loved ones, neighbors, colleagues, and friends in this past year and year prior. We celebrate the colors that they brought to our lives and the love that they shared with us.

We know that in many cultures this ay is Celebrated as "The Day of the Dead". Many families create a family altar in their homes. The home altar traditionally has a photograph of the person or persons who have died. Also, altars include favorite items of the deceased like food, books, clothes, their favorite drink or a toy or cigar. A cross is frequently added.

I invite you to create a home altar that includes a photo of a loved one that died. Blessed All Saints Day.

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Gathering Hymn HS #839 "Sing Out Earth & Skies", verse 1



1. Come, O God of all the earth:	Come to us, O
2. Come, O God of wind and flame:	Fill the earth with
3. Come, O God of flash - ing light:	Twin - kling star and
4. Come, O God of snow and rain:	Show - er down up -
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace:	Come and shape our



Right - eous One;	Come, and bring our love to birth:
right - eous - ness;	Teach us all to sing your name:
burn - ing sun;	God of day and God of night:
on the earth;	Come, O God of joy and pain:
hearts a - new;	Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry of your Son.
May our lives your love con - fess.
In your light we all are one.
God of sor - row, God of mirth.
Bring us all to life in you.



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you! Raise your



joy - ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

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Confession of Sins

“Naked/Broken”

(Based on Psalm 51)

Leader sings verse 1, Congregation repeats, then all sing



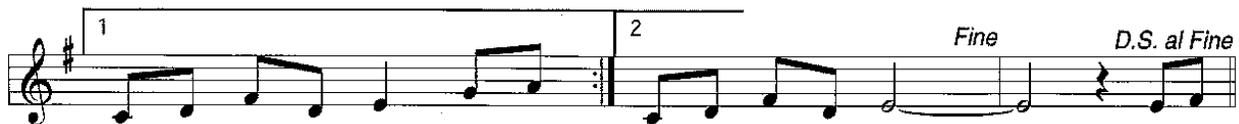
1. When my mask is stripped a - way and my smile falls to the ground you can
on - ly be my - self stand - ing stripped be - fore your gaze, And the
mer - cy on me, God and _____ cleanse me from my sin From the
ate in me, O God a _____ clean, un - brok - en, heart. Let your



see in - to my heart, all my hid - ing has been found. Tell me
fear of who I am makes me turn my eyes a - way. >
guilt that all can see and what's hid - ing deep with - in.
Hol - y Spir - it guide me _____ in a brand new start. So then



How can I be loved, if then this is what God sees? Feel - ing nak - ed in - com - plete — makes me
this is how God loves! O _____ Lord, o - pen my mouth And I joy - ful - ly will sing _____ your _____



fall down on my knees. Tell me fall down on my knees. _____ 2. I can
prais - es North & South! So then prais - es North & South! _____ 3. Have _____
4. Cre -

Greeting

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Worship the Lord with gladness!

Congregation: We have come into God's presence with singing!

Pastor: Knot that the Lord is God. God has made us and not we
ourselves.

**Congregation: Know that the Lord is God. God has made us and not we
ourselves.**

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, Bless
God's holy name!**

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Prayer of the Day

O God, we gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints in our lives. Some of them are living and some of them have completed their physical lives here on earth. Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society. We remember especially those first responders and people on the front lines who have died; fire fighters, police officers, migrant workers, store clerks and people of color who have been killed because of the color of their skin. We celebrate these people and remember them as we celebrate their lives and the meaningful interactions that we have had with them. We turn over to God all those who have died of COVID-19 and remember them by the life that they lived.

Connie Winter-Eulberg and Ruth Duck, Flames of the Spirit pg. 55

First Reading Nehemiah 1:1-7

¹ The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, ² one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah; and I asked them about the Jews that survived, those who had escaped the captivity, and about Jerusalem. ³ They replied, “The survivors there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire.”

⁴ When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. ⁵ I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments; ⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Both I and my family have sinned. ⁷ We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 35:1-3, 7-10 (Read responsively)

¹ Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;

fight against those who fight against me!

² Take hold of shield and buckler,

and rise up to help me!

³ Draw the spear and javelin

against my pursuers;

say to my soul,

“I am your salvation.”

⁷ For without cause they hid their net for me;

without cause they dug a pit for my life.

⁸ Let ruin come on them unawares.

And let the net that they hid ensnare them;

let them fall in it—to their ruin.

⁹ Then my soul shall rejoice in the LORD,

exulting in his deliverance.

¹⁰ All my bones shall say,

“O LORD, who is like you?

You deliver the weak

from those too strong for them,

the weak and needy from those who despoil them.”

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Praise the Lord!

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Good Soil

1. The seed fell on good soil, the seed fell on good soil, the seed fell on good
ev - 'ry - one with ears, Let ev - 'ry - one with ears, Let ev - 'ry - one with

1 2 Repeat as needed

6 soil and brought forth grain 2. Let ears to hear List - en!

The Holy Gospel Matthew 20:20-28

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O God.

Sermon

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Doers of the Word



Let us be do - ers of the Word, not hear - ers on - ly — Let us

Repeat as needed

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Sermon 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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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 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. Today 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)* We pray for those who have died this year either by COVID-19 or by other means. Take all those that we have lost into your loving arms. Your compassion and care are powerful and we know that you bring all of creation to you. 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 peace. We pray all this in the name of Jesus. **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 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.**

It is our duty and our delight that we should, at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, Creator of the Universe. We join our prayers with those people of every time and place who call upon your name. With them and all your creation in Jesus name. **AMEN.**

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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. 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.**

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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

Let us pray.

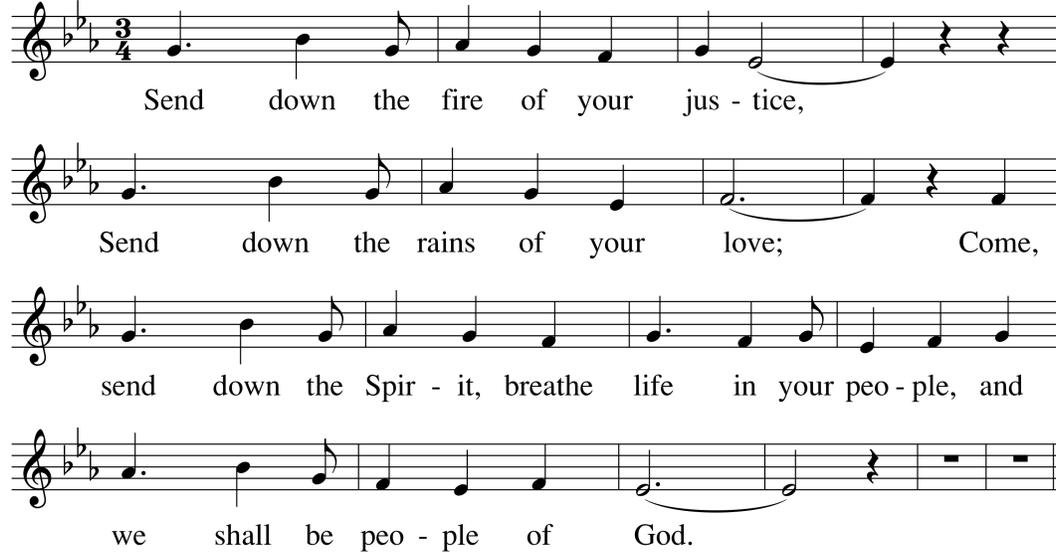
Compassionate Jesus, being offered the bread and wine or juice never gets commonplace. Each time we eat the bread and wine, we remember your saving act on the cross and we feel your love. We are grateful for the empty tomb and that death is not the end for us. This meal helps us feel alive and tells 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 "Send Down the Fire" by Marty Haugen

Refrain



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,
Send down the rains of your love; Come,
send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and
we shall be peo - ple of God.

Verses



1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,

Teach us the song of your love; Give us
Teach us the way of your peace; Give us
Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us
Give us the pres - ence of Christ; May your

hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us
hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us
right - eous souls, 'Til your jus - tice rolls, Make us
ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright, Ev - er

ring with the song of your love.
walk in the way of your peace.
burn with the fire of your truth.
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

D.C.

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Benediction

The light of God surrounds us, the love of God enfolds us, the power of God protects us, the Spirit of God watches over us; where we are, God is, and all is well. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Postlude