

# Online Advent Bulletin

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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 for communion. Feel share this bulletin and this worship service with friends, family, or neighbors.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

Advent is a time of preparation, waiting, watching and expectation for the coming of the birth of Jesus. One of the traditions of Advent is to light candles for each week before Christmas Eve. This time of waiting allows us to carve out time to be silent in our wait to pray and listen for the voice of God. Many people have an advent calendar where we mark off each day during the anticipation of the coming of the Christ child. Candles have traditionally marked our time of expectation and preparation as we note the passing of each week before the celebration of Jesus' birth. Blessed Advent!! (CWE)

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Pastor: Who is Coming?

**Congregation: Jesus is Coming!**

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## Hymn

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (sung during the lightening of the candles)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer. **AMEN.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, Holy Spirit living within us, you blessed Mary with a visit from an angel. She listened to the message and agreed to be a large part of how God works in our world. Mary opened herself up to a new wild adventure. Let us be as open as Jesus' mother was to wonderful challenges from God. May our worship bring us insight into the compassionate ways the Holy Spirit calls us into places we had never dreamed to be a part. Blessed be God. **AMEN.** (CWE)

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## Opening Hymn ELW #267 "Joy to the World"

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

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## **First Reading      Isaiah 64:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
<sup>8</sup> Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Bell Choir

**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19** (Read responsively)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

**you who lead Joseph like a flock!**

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

<sup>2</sup> **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Stir up your might,

**and come to save us!**

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts,

**how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears,

**and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

<sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

**our enemies laugh among themselves.**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

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## **The Holy Gospel**

## **Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

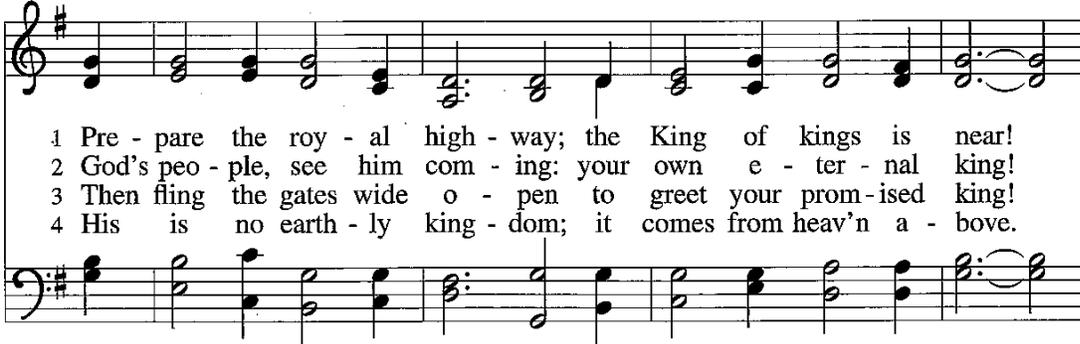
**Glory to you, O God.**

**Sermon**

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## Hymn of the Day ELW #264 "Prepare the Royal Highway"



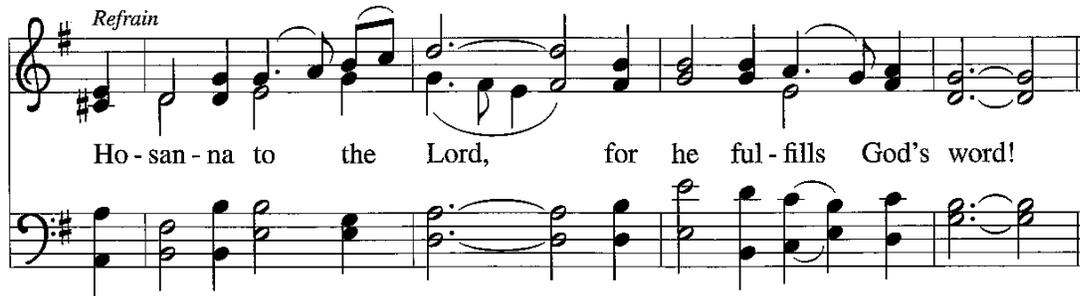
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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## Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

God of power and might, during advent we look for the miracle of a young virgin giving birth to the Son of God. We wait and watch for people to take on the attributes of Jesus like kindness, compassion and the ability to forgive. We eagerly look for sightings of people going out of their way to help others. As we keep our eyes open we can be witnesses of the teachings of Jesus come to life. This year we are looking toward God to give us a miracle that puts an end to this pandemic. We pause to pray for all those who we believe need God's care, healing, and love. We lean on you for healing Jesus. Keep us safe. Help us through each day.  
**AMEN.** (CWE 2020)

## Peace of the Lord

Pastor: Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share God's peace with one another.

## 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. All contributions are appreciated.

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## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray, May the gifts that we offer to God be a sign of our trust in God's promise of a new tomorrow, a better day, a sign that love and forgiveness have indeed found a way. **AMEN.** (CWE)

## Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**Congregation: And also with you.**  
 Pastor: Lift up your hearts  
**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.  
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

## 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.

## Blessing

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

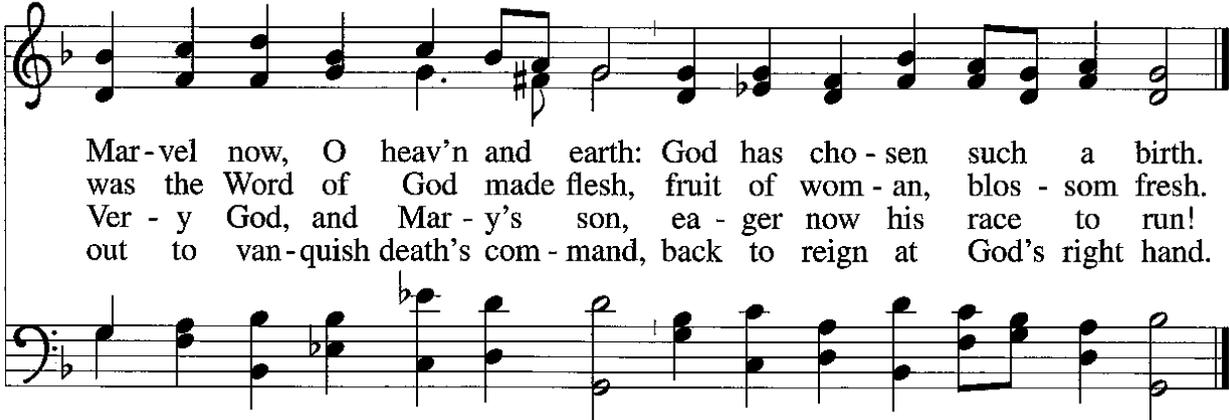
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## Sending Hymn ELW #263 "Savior of the Nations, Come"



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

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## **Benediction**

May you live this week watching and waiting for the Christ child.  
Live as if God has come among us, because God has.  
Live as if God has been revealed to you  
and called you to love and service to others—because God has.  
Live in anticipation of the reconciliation of all creation to God—because it is  
coming.  
Live as if your life depended upon God’s grace—because it does.  
And live to celebrate the advent of our Messiah, Jesus Christ,  
praising the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer.  
Amen.

<https://voxveniae.com/2012/12/liturgy-reflection-benediction-12-23-12> (revision  
by CWE)

## **Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Go in Peace and share the good news!!  
**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God!!!**