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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, 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.

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

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## Gathering Hymn

ELW #289 "Angels We have Heard on High", verses 1-3

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*Refrain*  
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

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## 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.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** God calls us together to worship this morning.

**People:** **From our work and play within the world, God gathers us to give thanks for creation's goodness, for the strength to labor, for the wisdom to relax.**

**Leader:** From amidst our friends and family God brings us here to participate in a community of faith, Christ's people, a new family.

**People:** **From everyday conversations, talk, and chatter, God invites us to engage one another in dialogue, to speak in truth from the depths of heart and mind, to pray freely.**

**Leader:** Let us heed God's call and rejoice in what God enables. Welcome to worship.

Glen E. Rainsley, *Flames of the Spirit*, p. 69

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## **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Please join me in our confession.

**People: O God, whose heart weeps at the disobedience and the suffering of any of your creatures, look with justice and mercy on the prominent trouble spots of your globe. Help us be champions of those who suffer poverty, dislocation, hunger, and disease. You be the chastisement of those who abuse innocent victims. Unerring judge of us all, forgive us our involvement in the sins of your people, whether it be by action direct or indirect. Renew in us the will to make peace and do justice that we may bring you delight, not tears. AMEN.**

Pastor: God is even now giving us the gift of repentance. God is at work in the world. It is not we who hope, but God who hopes in us.

KFK, WUMC, *Flames of the Spirit*, p. 114 and 116

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## Hymn of Praise

ELW #288 "Good Christen Friends Rejoice", verses 1-3



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



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## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. O God, you gave us your Spirit to guide our path in faith and let us know that you are continually present in our lives. Help us to pause and see the wonder of each day you give us. Help us to pause and see your creation and marvel at the wind, rain, sunrise and growing plants and trees. We praise your name. **AMEN.**

## First Reading                      Isaiah 60:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and God's glory will appear over you.
- <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Hymn

ELW #283 "O Come, All Ye Faithful", verses 1-4

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

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ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: 've - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!'.

## Psalm 150 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise God in the Lord's sanctuary;

**praise God in God's mighty firmament!**

<sup>2</sup> Praise God for the Lord's mighty deeds;

**praise God according to the Lord's surpassing greatness!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise God with trumpet sound;

**praise God with lute and harp!**

<sup>4</sup> Praise God with tambourine and dance;

**praise God with strings and pipe!**

<sup>5</sup> Praise God with clanging cymbals;

**praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

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## The Holy Gospel

## Luke 2:22-40

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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**Glory to you, O God.**

**Sermon**

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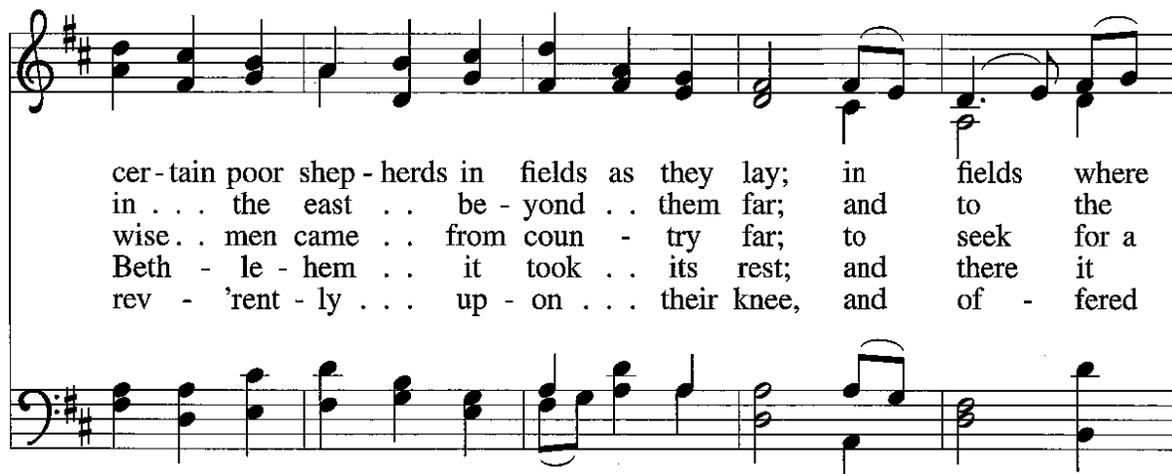
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## Sermon Hymn

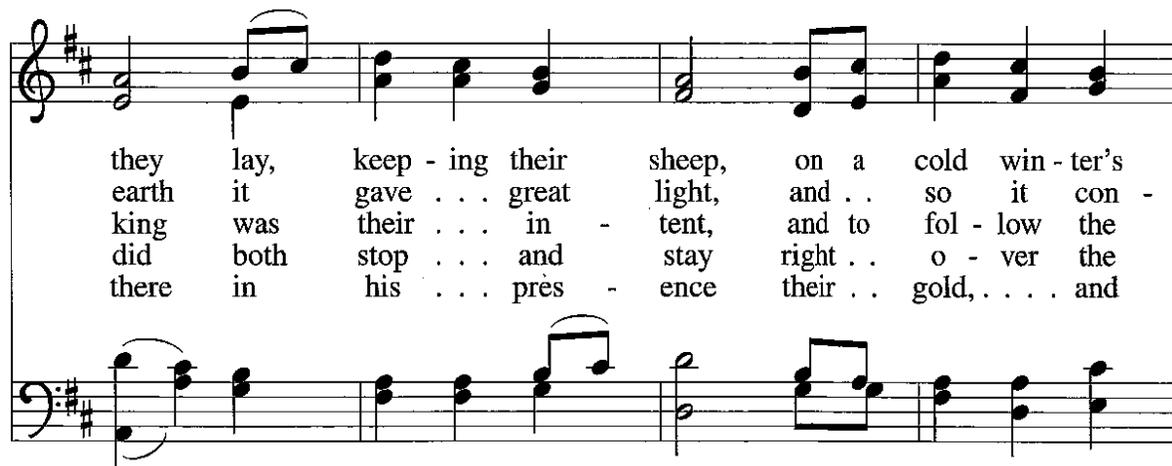
ELW #300 "The First Noel", verses 1-5



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

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*Refrain*

night that was so deep.  
tin-ued both day and night.  
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
place where Je - sus lay.  
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## Prayers of the People

Let us pray. Most Gracious God, we recognize your gifts through the moving strains of music, through a smile and a tear, a sigh and a shout, through laughter and weeping, in spoken word, and in silence. We are grateful for all that you give us.

We pray for the church, sometimes triumphant and present, while at other times, silent and distant. Sometimes we are together and at-one, uniting the diverse cultures of our world. We lift up the times when we are able to serve those in need and challenge ourselves to think of others as we make decisions. Help our congregation and our worldwide church to be your hands and feet in the world.

We pray for those who are hungry, who are ill, who have no place to call their own. Give healing to those who are depressed, those who are isolated and those

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who have too many aches and pain to count. We have particular concerns that lie heavy on our hearts. We name them now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts...Receive these prayers spoken to you, O God. In the name of Jesus we pray. **AMEN.**

## 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

### Offering Prayer

May the gifts that we now offer up 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 p. 144

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.

## **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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## **The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**Our Father who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. AMEN**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **AMEN.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banquet table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **AMEN.**

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## Sending Hymn

ELW #296 "What Child is This?", verses 1-3



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



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## **Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Go in Peace. Share the Good News!

**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**