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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**

## Gathering Hymn

ELW #276 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly", verses 1-2



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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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 #277 "Away in a Manger", verses 1-3

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

## 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                      Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 46:1-11 (Read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
**a very present help in trouble.**
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
**though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
**though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah***
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
**the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
**God will help it when the morning dawns.**
- <sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
**he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah***
- <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
**see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

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<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;**  
**he burns the shields with fire.**

<sup>10</sup> “Be still, and know that I am God!  
**I am exalted among the nations,**  
**I am exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah***

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 1:4-11**

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O God.**

## **Sermon**

## Sermon Hymn

## We Three Kings", verses 1-3

Verses



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
2. O - ver us all to reign.
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

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## 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 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.**

## **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.**

## Sending Hymn

ELW #290 "Go Tell it on the Mountain?", verses 1-3

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



## Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Share the Good News!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude