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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 free to 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.

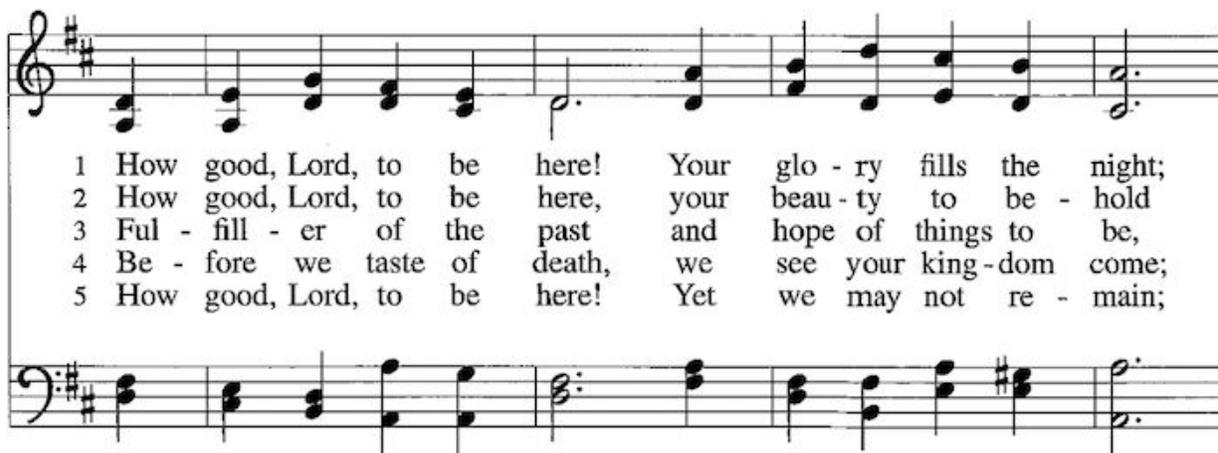
## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

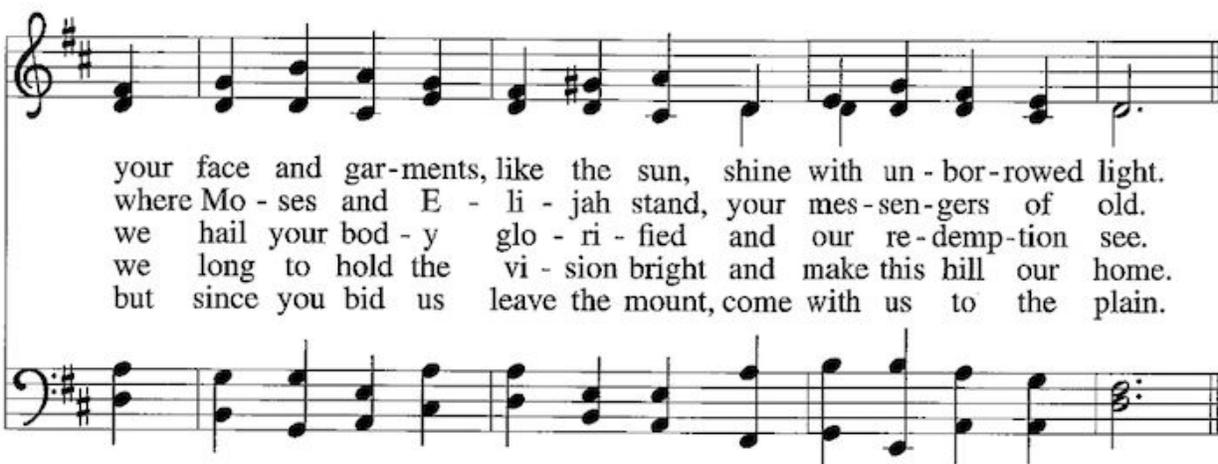
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## Gathering Hymn

ELW #315 “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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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.**

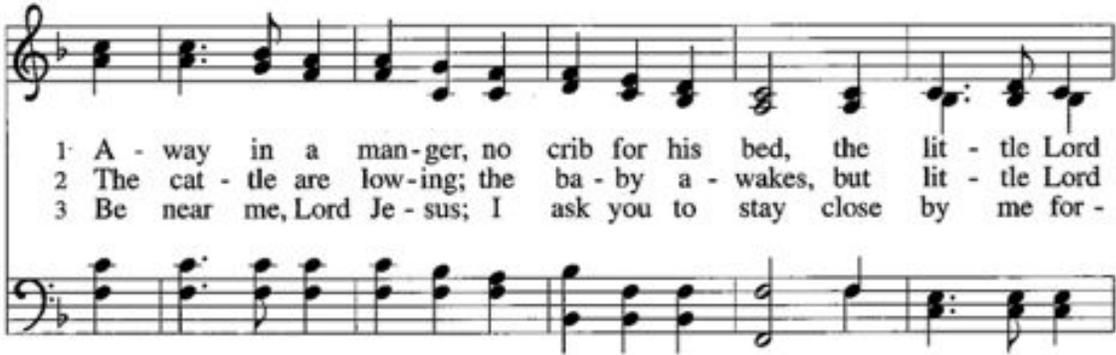
Pastor: God is even now giving us the gift of repentance. God is at work in the world. It is not we who hope, but God who hopes in us.

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

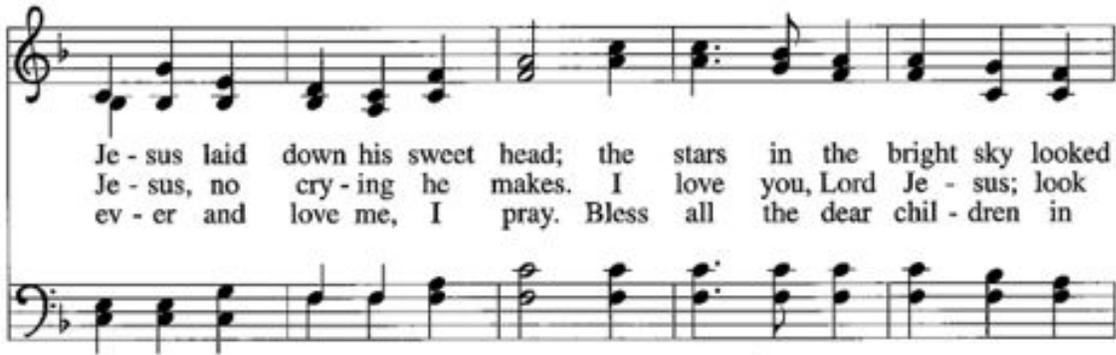
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## Hymn of Praise

## ELW #277 “Away in the Manger”



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.

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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                      Exodus 1:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup> The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 139:1-6 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

**you discern my thoughts from far away.**

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down,

**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,

**O Lord, you know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,

**and lay your hand upon me.**

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<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

**it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

## **The Holy Gospel      Mark 12:18-27**

<sup>18</sup> Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, <sup>19</sup>“Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>20</sup> There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; <sup>21</sup> and the second married the widow and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; <sup>22</sup> none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. <sup>23</sup> In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, “Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? <sup>25</sup> For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? <sup>27</sup> God is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

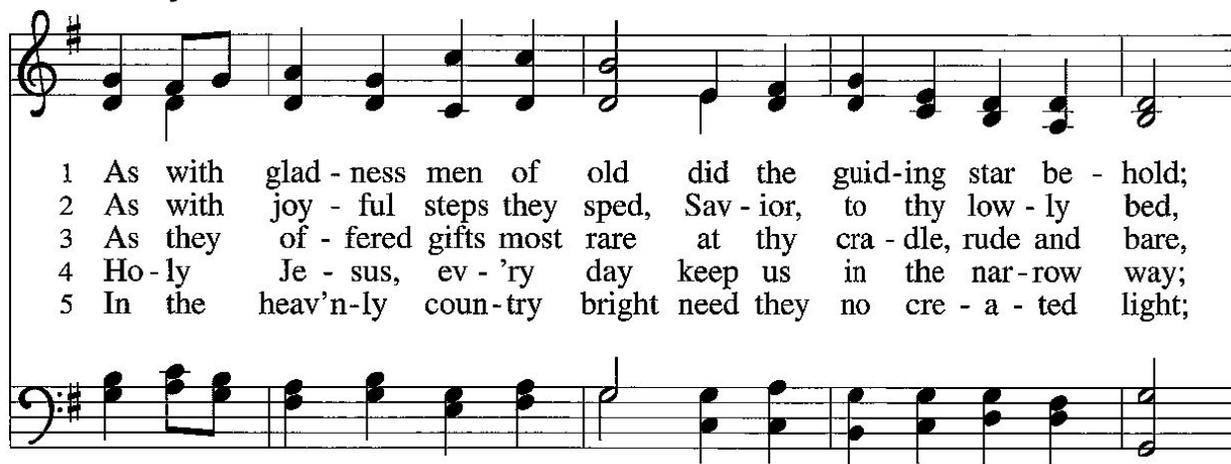
**Glory to you, O God.**

## **Sermon**

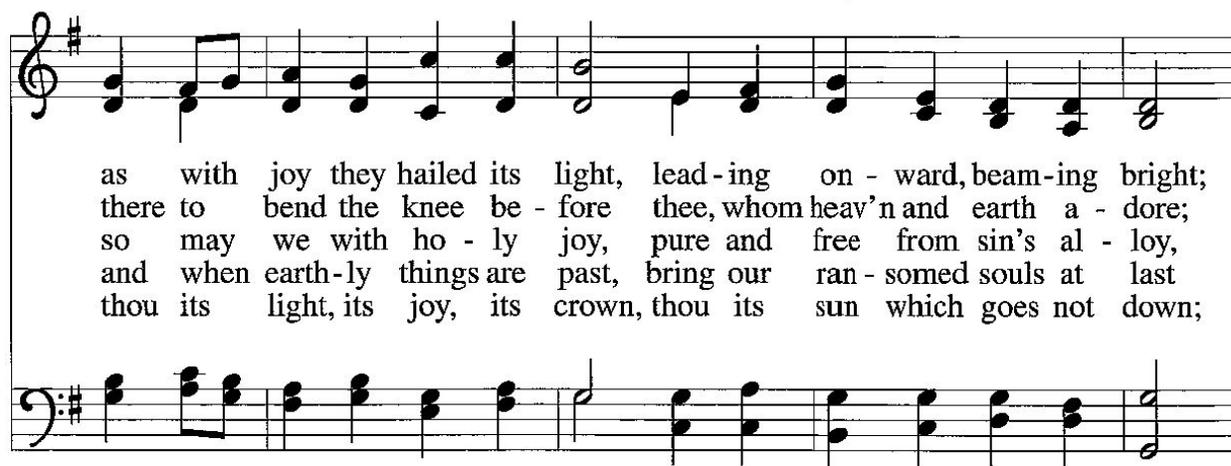
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## Sermon Hymn

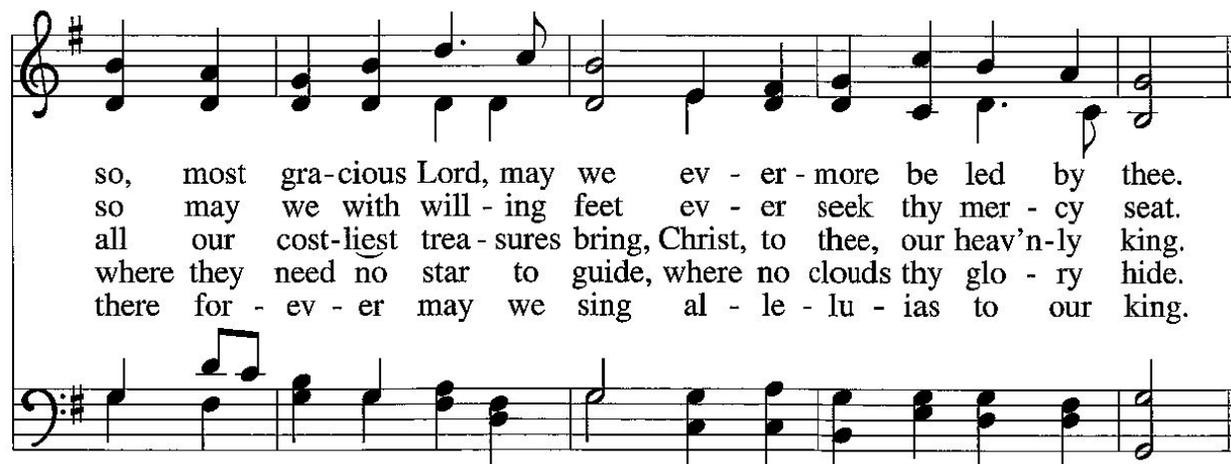
ELW #302 “As with Gladness Men of Old”



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

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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)

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## 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 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

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 #314 “Arise, Your Light Has Come?”

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

## Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Share the Good News!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude