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Welcome to St. Andrew's 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. Andrew's voted to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation that has a special welcome for the LGBTQ+ community.

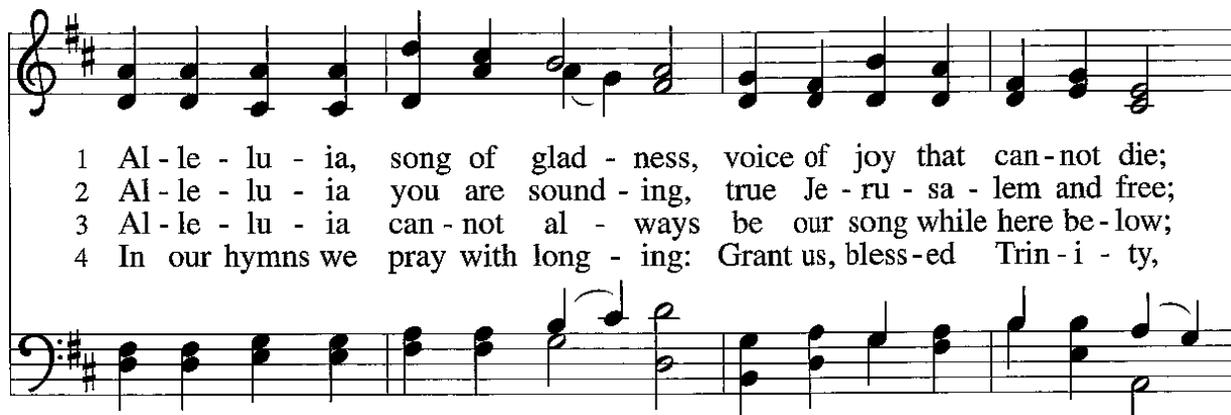
Prelude

Welcome

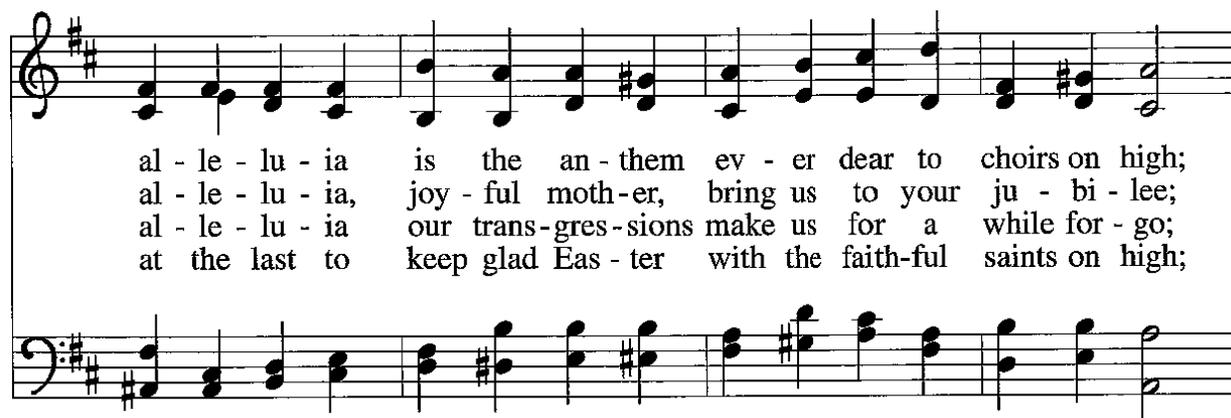
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Gathering Hymn

ELW #318 "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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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.

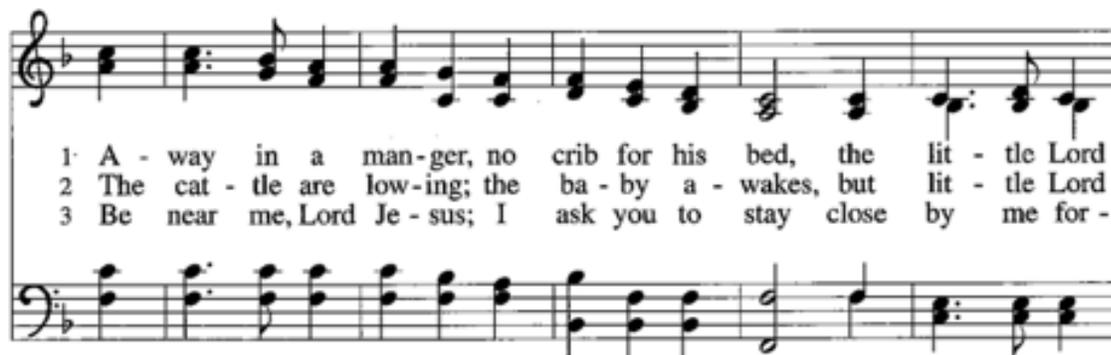
Pastor: God is even now giving us the gift of repentance. God is at work in the world. It is not we who hope, but God who hopes in us.

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

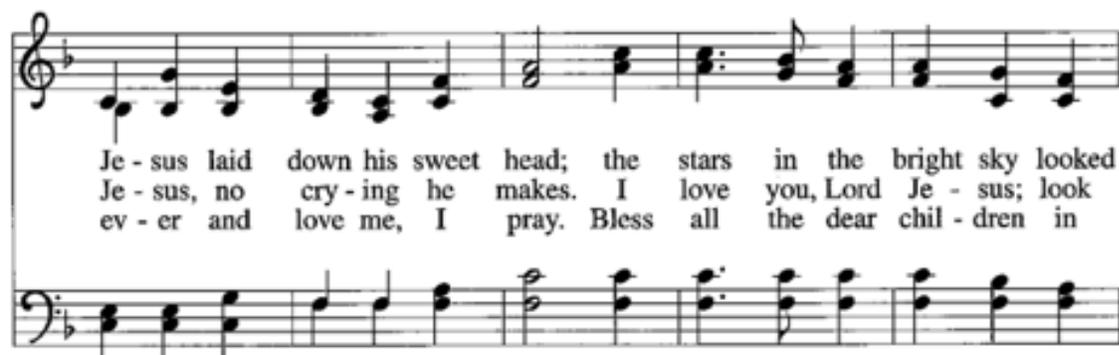
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Hymn of Praise

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

Ex. 2:23-25, 3:10-15,4:10-17

During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

¹⁰ But Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” ¹¹ Then the Lord said to him, “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you

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what you are to speak.” ¹³ But he said, “O my Lord, please send someone else.” ¹⁴ Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, “What of your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶ He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. ¹⁷ Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12 (Read responsively)

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in God at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before God;
God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all according to their work.

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

The Holy Gospel John 8:53-58

Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, God of whom you say, 'He is our God,' though you do not know God. But I know God; if I would say that I do not know God, I would be a liar like you. But I do know God and I keep God's word. Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad." Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O God.

Sermon

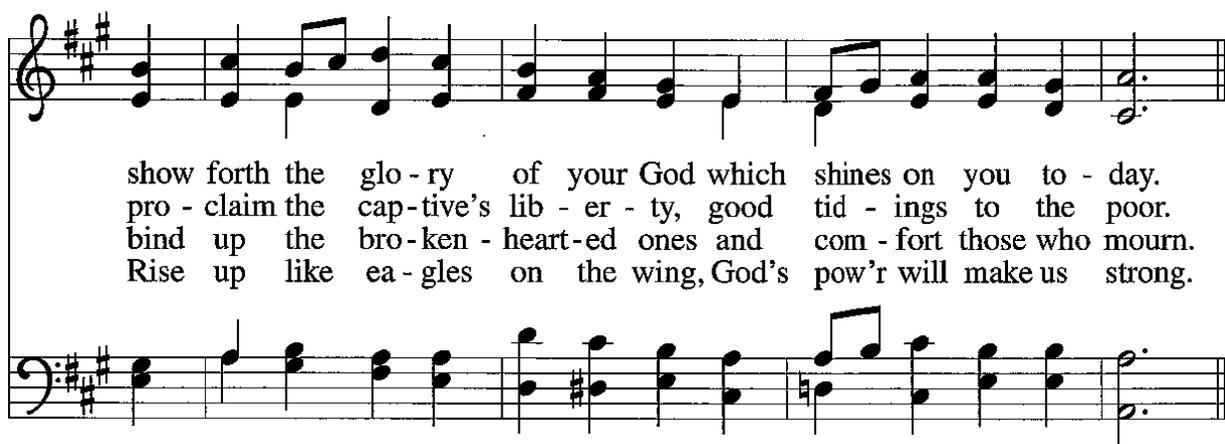
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Sermon Hymn

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.

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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.**

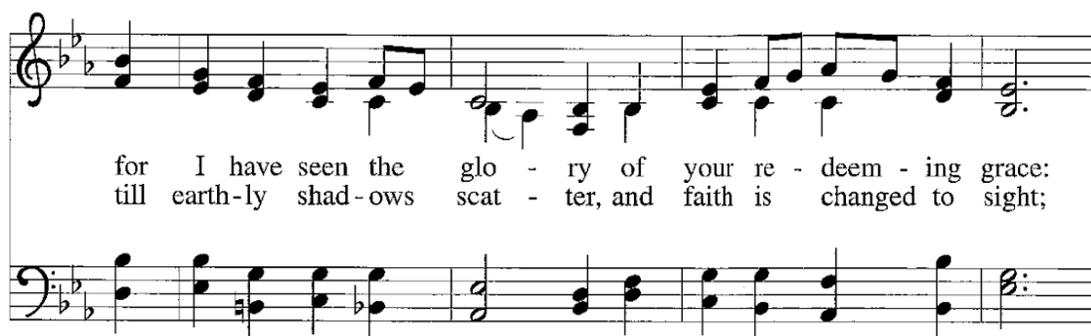
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Sending Hymn

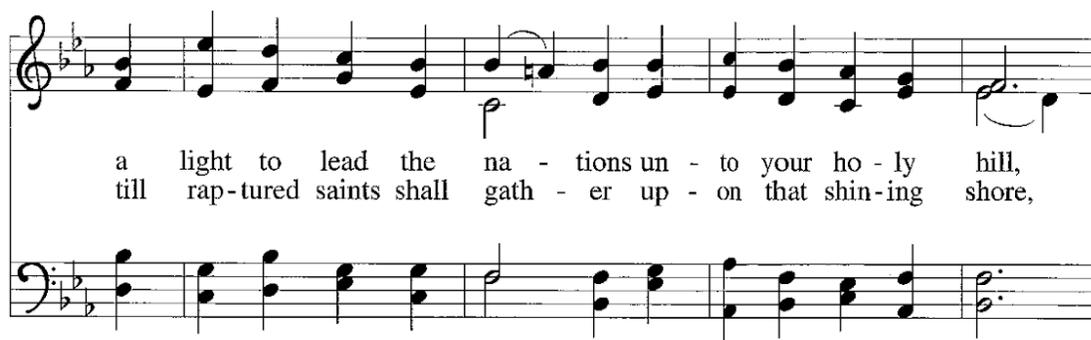
ELW #313 “Oh Lord, Now Let Your Servant”



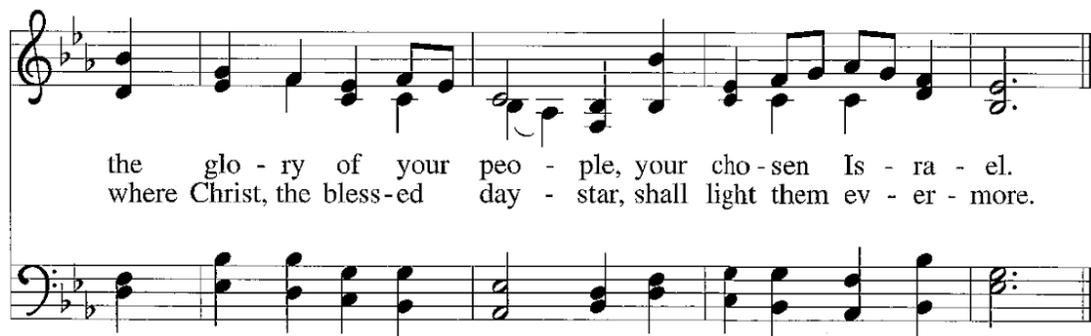
1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

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Dismissal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Share the Good News!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Postlude