

# St. Andrew Worship

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Meeting Time  
Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship

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## Welcome and Announcement

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive) (Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

*I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long ...  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.*

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

*the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.*

*The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.*

The Lord watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

*The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!*

### \*Hymn 49

“God of Abraham Praise”

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!*

*The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.*

*Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.  
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.*

*Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.*

*Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,  
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.*

*There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.*

*You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.*

*We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!*

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

*Holy God, giver of all that is good, we recognize that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. So*

*why do we treat life as though you are parsimonious with us? Why do we believe we must hoard our blessings? It is our sin that makes us live as though we don't trust your goodness. So forgive us, we pray. Teach us again what it is to rely upon you. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace and goodwill, that our hearts might overflow from the fullness of your love...*

*Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace (Eph. 2:8-10)

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

*For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

Believe the promise of the Gospel:

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

Response: *Gloria Patri*

Anthem

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"*

\*Hymn 793

*"O Christ, the Healer"*

*O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?*

*From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.*

*How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.*

*In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?*

*Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.*

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

*Almighty, eternal God, silence within us every voice but your own. Prepare our hearts to receive your lively word.*

*May your spirit open our minds to receive your inspiration. And having heard your word, may we be doers of the word and not hearers only, through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

First Lesson:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

<sup>1</sup>Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts!

<sup>4</sup>Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Sermon

“Reversal of Fortune”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

\*Affirmation of Faith- Brief Statement of Faith (*Unison*)

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

*Eternal God, from the abundance of your creation we have all we need. You have blessed us richly. Bless us again by receiving these gifts, multiplying them and using them, that we might see your kingdom at work among us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*Hymn 542

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Benediction