

# St Andrew Worship

January 22, 2023

Meeting Times

Sunday at 10:30

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Worship

Password 9850

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*"Overture for Flutes"* by Johann Christoph Faber

Recorder Trio: Coty Catlin, Carolyn Crocker, Eileen Mihm

\*Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (*Isaiah 9*)

We walk in darkness.

***We live in a land of deep darkness.***

We have seen a great light!

***Light shines upon us!***

God brings us joy!

***Rejoice before our God!***

\*Hymn 853

*"We Are Marching in the Light of God"*

***We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.***

***We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of, the light of God.***

***We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of God.***

***We are dancing in the light of God; we are dancing in the light of, the light of God.***

***We are praying in the light of God; we are praying in the light of God.***

***We are praying in the light of God; we are praying in the light of, the light of God.***

***We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.***

***We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of, the light of God.***

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

***God of light, we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives,  
concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you.***

***The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive,  
our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have,***

***our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light.***

***Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love,  
that your promised realm may draw near. Amen.***

*Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace (*Responsive*)

The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world,  
healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair.

The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people.

***Thanks be to God!***

Gloria Patri

Special Music

*"Terzetto"* by James Hook

Recorder Trio: Coty Catlin, Carolyn Crocker, Eileen Mihm

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"*

\*Hymn 170

*"You Walk along Our Shoreline"*

***You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.***

***We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.***

***And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."***

***You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.***

***We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.***

***We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,  
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.***

***We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;  
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.***

***You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,  
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.***

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

***God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of  
wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.***

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Second Lesson:

Matthew 4:12-23

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” 17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Sermon

\*Affirmation (*Unison*)

***As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to God! God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!***

***We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. We are confident, that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.***

***Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.***

Offertory

"Dona Nobis Pacem" arr. by Larry Sue

St. Andrew Bell Choir

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

***O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love, and felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our service. Amen.***

\*Hymn 726

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?"*

*Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?"*

*Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?"*

*Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?"*

*Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.*

*In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Benediction