

St. Andrew Worship

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Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Lord listens to us in times of trouble and joy.

We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.

God will not turn away from us.

God will heal us and restore us.

Let the Lord of life enter into your spirits.

Lord, come to us and heal our brokenness and sorrow. AMEN.

*Hymn 336

“We Gather Together”

***We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.***

***Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!***

***We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!***

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, we are so beaten down by life. We see the shadows all around us and shrink away from your light in our fears. We turn our backs on others because we don't believe that we have anything to offer. Our attitudes and our actions often reflect anger and hostility rather than compassion and hope. Please forgive us, Lord. Please heal and restore us to wholeness and hope. Give us courage to be your disciples. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

(Time for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace

Jesus does not say that discipleship is easy. He says that we are called to serve and that he will be with us. That is truly good news. Our service will be supported and encouraged by our Lord who has healed and restored us. Rejoice! For you have been called and made whole by the love of God. AMEN.

Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me.



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

*Hymn 470

"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

Refrain { *There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.*
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God. }

*For justice, for freedom, for mercy:
hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.*

Refrain

*For wisdom, for courage, for comfort:
hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.*

Refrain

*For healing, for wholeness, for new life:
hear our prayer. In sickness, in death:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.*

Refrain

*Lord save us, take pity, Light in our
darkness. We call you; we wait:
be near; hear our prayer, O God.*

Refrain

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

¹ Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ² Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. ⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. ⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ⁹ All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Lesson:

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸ The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Sermon

“Whatever Became of Ishmael”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

*Affirmation (Unison)

*We trust in God, Spirit of life,
Creator of all that is and all that is to come;
who surrounds us and fills us;
who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.
We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God,
our brother and teacher;
who lived in prayer and in love.
Listening to God's voice and doing God's will,
he gave his life in love;
but God raised him to life that is eternal;
and so we follow him.
We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit,
God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.
We trust in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ,
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen*

Offertory

Don Adkins, Piano

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. Amen.

*Hymn 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness
of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's
sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures
of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more
faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
flect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

Benediction