



## St. Andrew Worship

Sunday, November 12, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

# St. Andrew Day

Special Music Group: "SIAMSA" (*She-am-sa*) (meaning "Joy of Life")

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We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information and to contact us: [www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org)

Introit

"Celtic Jigs"

by SIAMSA

Welcome and Announcement

\*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

***Great is your Name. Great is your love.***

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees shall clap their hands.

***Great is your Name. Great is your love.***

Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as morning, sure as the sunrise.

***Great is your Name. Great is your love.***

\*Hymn 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving*

*to God our Creator triumphantly raise;*

*who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,*

*by guiding us on to the end of our days.*

*God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,*

*a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:*

*till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,*

*as forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,*

*the sun in its orbit obediently shine;*

*the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,*

*the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.*

*We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;*

*with glad adoration, a song let us raise,*

*Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:*

*to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

\*Prayer of Confession and Assurance (*Responsive*) (*Remain Standing*)

O God of life, do not darken your light to us,

(Men:) **God of life do not limit your joy in us,**

(Women:) **God of life, do not shut your door to us,**

God of life, do not refuse us your mercy,

(All:) **Lord, do not refuse us your mercy!**

O God of life, eternity cannot hold you, nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness.

Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence you can come close and repair us.

(Silence)

(All:) **O God of life, grant us your forgiveness**

For our careless thoughts, our thoughtless deeds, our empty speech, and the words with which we wounded.

(Silence)

(All:) **O God of life, grant us your forgiveness,**

For our false desires, our hateful actions, our wastefulness and for all we left unintended.

(Silence)

O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills;

begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.

(All:) **In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope, this day and evermore. Amen.**

Response: **Gloria Patri** (*Unison*)

Special Music:

"Teidhir Abhaile Riu"

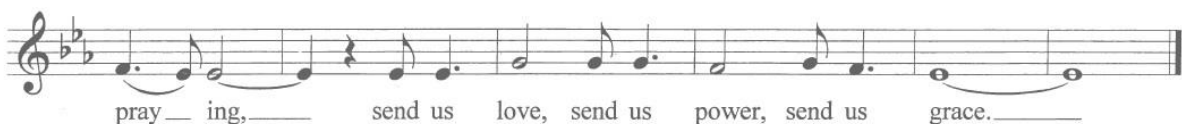
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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing concerns (*Please unmute to signal you want to share a prayer request*)

Song of prayer

### Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying



Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Kirking of the Clans

Remembering our Forebears

Prayer (Unison)

*Gracious God, we thank you this day for the goodly heritage given to us by forebears whose clan names we have mentioned. We thank you for all the families who have gone before us who have been faithful in your service and on whose shoulders we stand in witness to your continuing power, presence and purpose in our world today. May we be known as the Clan of Christ, whose bond knows no state or nation, race or class, but only the freedom of faith, hope and love that we have come to know in Him by whose name we go, and in whose name we pray. Amen.*

\*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 of Illumination (*Unison*)

***Bless our hearing of your Word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your Word. Amen.***

First Lesson:

Isaiah 9: 1-4

(P. 638 OT)

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

Second Lesson:

Matthew 4:12-25

(P. 3 NT)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”<sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This is the word of the lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

\*Church of Scotland Statement of Faith (Responsive)***We believe in one God:***

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God is love.

***We praise God the Father:***

Who created the universe and keeps it in being.

He has made us his sons and daughters to share his joy,

Living together in justice and peace,

Caring for his world and for each other.

***We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son:***

Born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

He became one of us, sharing our life and our death. He made known God's compassion and mercy

Giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness to all.

By his death on the cross and by his resurrection He has triumphed over evil.

Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.

***We trust God the Holy Spirit:***

Who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church,

Who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness.

The Spirit guides us in our; understanding of the Bible,

Renews us in the sacraments

And calls us to serve God in the world.

***We rejoice in the gift of eternal life:***

We have sure and certain hope of resurrection through Christ, and we look for his coming again to judge the world.

Then all things will be made new.

And creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father, through the Son,

in the power of the Spirit,

one God, blessed forever.

***Amen.***

Offertory

*"Scottish Reels"*

by SIAMSA

DoxologyOffering Prayer (Unison)

***Everything we possess, O God, has been provided lovingly by you. You have named us and hold us near and dear to you as your precious children. Through your salvation, you created the compassion and love in us that enables us to share back in gratitude a portion of our abundant blessings. Use these gifts, and use us, too, in Jesus' name.***

***Amen.***

*"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

Postlude

*"Scottish Reels"*

*by SIAMSA*