

St. Andrew Worship

Sunday, November 5, 2023 @ 10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Come, all who are weary from the past week.

We come seeking rest; We come seeking comfort.

Come, all who are in need of inspiration for the week ahead.

We come seeking God's truth, word and worship that will set us on the faithful path.

Come, all who are humble, open, and ready to learn.

We come as God's students, ready to listen and learn.

*Hymn 393

"Day of Rest and Gladness"

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
On you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
On you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

God our teacher, we often exalt ourselves while evaluating and judging others. We assume too much and don't invest enough in listening, learning, and seeking to understand. You call us to humility, yet we resist, puffing ourselves up with prideful arrogance and rigid certainty. Forgive us, soften our hearts and open our minds to all we have yet to learn. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

"Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Isaiah 6:7
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

Gloria Patri (*Unison*)

Anthem

"Dry Bones" arr. by Samuel Stokes

St. Andrew Bells Choir

Service Online

Join on Zoom:

Dial: 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 831 688 4211

Password: 9850

Use *6 to unmute your phone

Live Streaming on YouTube:

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*Hymn 504

"We Come as Guests Invited"

*We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.*

*We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.*

*One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
Renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.*

Prayer for Illumination

You call us through your Word read and proclaimed, Holy God.

May our eyes be opened and our hearts willing to follow wherever your Spirit leads. Amen.

First Lesson:

Micah 3:5-12

(P. 863 OT)

⁵ Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. ⁶ Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; ⁷ the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. ⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. ⁹ Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, ¹⁰ who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! ¹¹ Its rulers give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the Lord and say, "Surely the Lord is with us! No harm shall come upon us." ¹² Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

Hold Fast

David Robinson

Lively

Hold fast to the word, the life, the teach-ing, the ho-ly Gos-pel of God. Hold
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Second Lesson:

Matthew 23:1-12

(P. 25 NT)

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Sermon

“How We Wear Our Faith “

Rev. Anne McAnelly

Offertory

“Shall We Gather at the River?”

St. Andrew Bells Choir

Doxology

(by Robert Lowry, arr. by Judy Endean)

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

God, you call us to Christ's mission and ministry. Bless these gifts that they might spread the hope of your good news, feed the hungry, shelter the poor, comfort the suffering, and free the captives. Bless us, also, so that our lives conform to radical love and faithful humility. Amen.

Communion

(See Insert)

*Hymn 515

“I Come with Joy”

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and
free, the life of Jesus to recall, in
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are
fed, the new community of love in
Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever
near, is in such friendship better known, a-
live among us here, alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound by all that God has
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.*

Benediction