

St. Andrew Worship

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Santa Cruz al Salvador Presentation ~ Rev. Karla Kress

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*Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Holy God, Light of Lights, as we begin this New Year we are conscious that we follow in the footsteps of the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us with your divine Word as we travel the journey you have set before us. Help us on our path and form us individually and communally into the people you have intended us to be, your people, the people of God. **Amen.**

*Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

No. 722

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.

And wing my words that thy may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

*O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.*

*O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

Prayer of Confession *(Responsive)*

Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

When we confess our sins, we accept God's invitation to clear out the noise and chaos that keeps us from recognizing God's loving voice. So, as we come to confess our sin and be reconciled to God and one another, take this opportunity to let God help you declutter your heart and your mind so that you might listen and receive God's love and guidance more clearly. Merciful God, we confess that we have not love you as our God, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our priorities do not line up with yours, and too often we wander from your path by trying to do things our way instead of yours.

Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.

Merciful God, we confess that we are too often complacent in answering your call to enact justice. You call us to enter the flow of your justice that rolls down like water, and instead, we inhibit the work of justice by choosing not to pay attention or believe the stories of suffering and need in our midst.

Merciful God, we confess that sometimes we avoid you. We don't want to hear your voice. We don't want to receive your call. We are scared of what you might ask us to do and how letting your grace work in our lives might change us. So, we keep you at arm's length, ready to run when you seem to ask too much of us.

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Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.

Merciful God, we confess that there are things that clutter our hearts and minds that we cannot say aloud or do not have words for, and so, we lift them to you now in silence.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Reconciling God, your steadfast love surrounds us, calling us into right relationship with you, with self, with one another and with creation. As your reconciled and forgiven people, open our hearts to receive all that you have to say to us today.

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

(Time of silent listening and prayer.)

Loving God, you call us by name to be your people in the world, pouring your love into us in such abundance that it overflows into the world around us. Guide us, form us, and send us as your people to live out your good news wherever we go.

Call us Lord, your servants will follow. Amen.

Assurance of Grace *(Responsive)*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, your sins are forgiven. Receive the abundant life in God. May you receive the grace, mercy and peace which make renewal undeniable. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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

Anthem

St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

"Lord, Hear Your Children Praying"

*Hymn

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

No. 666

*O splendor of God's glory bright, from light
eternal bringing light; O Light of Light, light's
living spring, true Day, all days illumining:*

*Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your
radiance from above, and to our inward
hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.*

*O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as
clear as morning's ray, with faith like noontide
shining bright, our souls unshadowed by the night.*

*O Lord, with each returning morn, your image
to our heart is born; O may we ever
clearly view our Savior and our God in you.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination (*Responsive*)

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Second Lesson

John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

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WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Litany of Hope (*Responsive*) *"Prayer of Archbishop Oscar Romero"* Bishop Ken Untener

It helps now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. This what we are about: we plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, and opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

Offertory

Don Adkins, Piano

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Responsive*)

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed by God forever.

*Hymn

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

No. 721

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking
neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only
asked me to follow humbly.*

Refrain { *O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.* }

*You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.*

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Refrain

*You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving.*

Refrain

*You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me:*

Refrain

Benediction *(Responsive)*

Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

Beloved disciples, go from this place ready to listen for God's voice and to follow the Spirit's lead as we answer the call to build God's beloved community of justice, peace and flourishing for all in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our world. ***Amen.***