

St. Andrew Worship
Sunday, February 11, 2024
Souper Bowl Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

The light of the Lord is shining with love.

Rise in our hearts, Bright Morning Star.

God calls to us now, saying, "Be not afraid."

Give peace in our lives, O Promised One.

Come to the mountain and gaze at the glory.

Shine in our lives, Light of the World!

*Hymn 193

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.

There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?

Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe.

Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?

Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,

"Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."

Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified, where you shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world you died.

Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;

Say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.

You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world, but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security.

Forgive us. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid.

. . .
May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

Affirmation of God's Loving Grace (*Responsive*)

We are all God's beloved children.

Through the grace of Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*RESPONSE:

*"Glory Be to the Father"
Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

No. 581

ANTHEM

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of 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.

Prayers lifted to God

(Lord's Prayer p. 35 in Hymnal, using "debts/debtors")

*Hymn 666

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

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.*

Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

Holy God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with your transforming glory as people changed and changing through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 50:1-6 (p. 519 OT)

¹ The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. ³ Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. ⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: ⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. *Selah*

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9 (p. 44 NT)

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon "When We Ascend the Mountain" Rev. Anne McAnelly
(Please use these moments for meditation and prayer.)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, . . .

. . . empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Worship of God Through Giving

Offertory Music

*Doxology No. 606

*Offertory Prayer (*Unison*)

*Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days
into a living sacrifice to you, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

"Lord, The Light of Your Love Is Shining"

No. 192

Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!