

St. Andrew Worship

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Minute 4 Mission

"Souper Bowl Sunday"

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*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Jesus brought healing love to all people.

They talked and marveled about his miracles.

But they really didn't understand him.

They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.

Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to your life-changing words. AMEN.

*Hymn 796

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

*We come to you for healing, Lord, of
body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
Spirit's touch we may again be whole.*

*As once you walked through ancient streets
And reached toward those in pain, we know you
come among us still with power to heal again.*

*You touch us through physicians' skills, through
nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of
faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.*

*Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.*

*We come to you, O loving Lord, in our
distress and pain, in trust that through our
nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.*

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Patient Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, "Just heal us; or Just make me rich; or Just make things go better at work" or other such deals and then we promise our faithfulness and witness. But in our hearts, we just don't get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear get in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Grace

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you have been healed.

Praise be to God who has given you new life. AMEN.

Gloria Patri (*Unison*)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Come and Fill

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!" The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

*Hymn 794

"O Savior, in This Quiet Place"

*O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,
I also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.*

*If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys my inward peace,
in prayer for others may I find the secret of release.*

*If self upon its sickness feeds and turns my life to gall,
let me not brood upon my needs, but simply tell you all.*

*You never said "You ask too much" to any troubled soul.
I long to feel your healing touch; will you not make me whole?*

*But if the thing I most desire is not your way for me,
may faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.*

*Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown,
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.*

Prayer of Illumination

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions.

Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

First Lesson:

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³ who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Second Lesson:

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon

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Rev. Anne McAnelly

Offertory

“Fill This House with Grace”

St. Andrew Choir

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist (IONA)

Invitation

Prayer

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

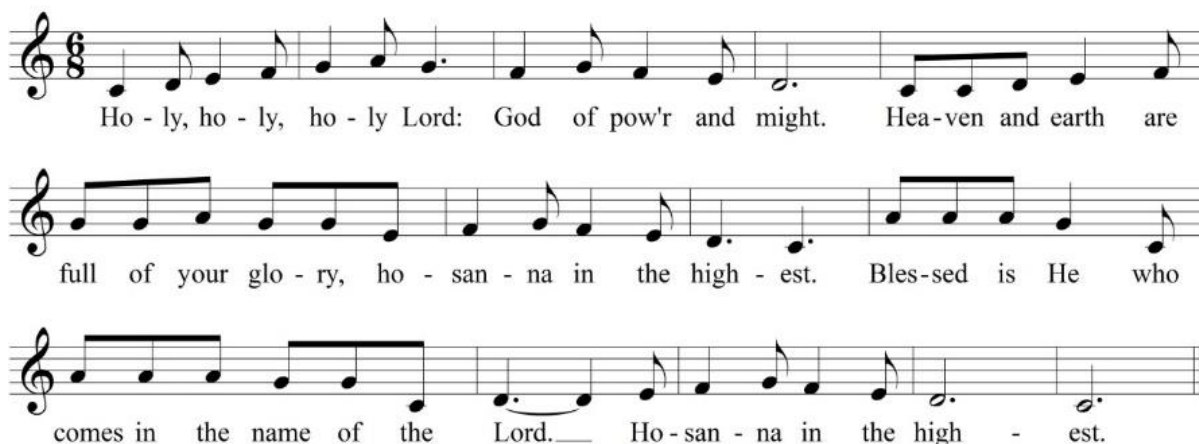
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

. . . we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus

Don Adkins



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord: God of pow'r and might. Hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Share the Meal

Hymn 501

"Feed Us, Lord"

*Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the broken bread,
be revealed again. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.*

*Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirsty ground,
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.*

*Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
of the risen Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.*

*Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nourished here by Christ,
given strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.*

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 43

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who
abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord,
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain { *And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,*
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine
like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand. }

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear: under his wings,
your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the
arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall
about you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain

For to his angels he's given a command to
guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will
bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

Benediction