

St. Andrew Worship

Sunday April 14, 2024

Rev. Larry Vilardo

*Stand in Body or Spirit

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*) From Psalm 4

Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

The Lord hears when we call.

Search your hearts and be silent.

*Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the Lord.*

Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"

Let the light of your face shine on us.

Fill our hearts with joy as we worship today.

*Hymn 317

"In Christ There is no East or West"

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Jesus you are always nearby on our pilgrimage of faith. No matter how lonely and alone we feel we need to know you are real. Often we do not recognize your presence because we are blinded by our own problems and preoccupied by our own prejudices. Forgive us and open our hearts so that we may see you clearly. Amen

Assurance of Grace (*Unison*) Romans 5

All Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Response: *Gloria Patri* (Unison)

Anthem

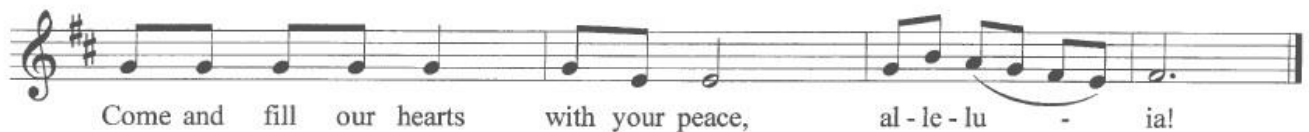
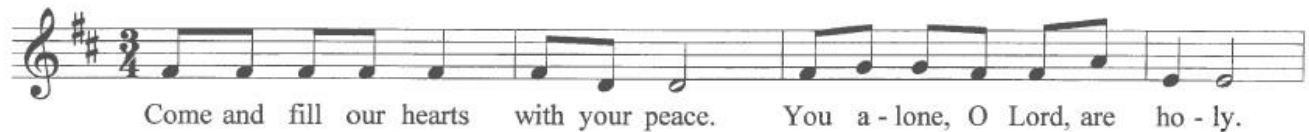
St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Prayer

Come and Fill



Prayers Lifted to God

*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, alive 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.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Lord you opened the eyes and hearts of the disciples on the Emaeus Road. As we hear your work this morning, open our eyes to your love and glory.

First Lesson:

Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

*Second Lesson:

Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Sermon

On The Road Again, The Pilgrimage of Faith

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WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*) Romans 14:8

For whether we live,

we live unto the Lord;

or whether we die,

we die unto the Lord:

whether we live therefore, or die,

we are the Lord's

The Worship of God Through Giving

Offertory Music

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Don Adkins, Piano

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that bind our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.

And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

*When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

Benediction