

# St. Andrew Worship

Sunday May 5, 2024

\*Stand in Body or Spirit

Welcome and Announcement

\*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

*God's love is poured in us from our birth.*

We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

*God's loved is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.*

We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

*In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. AMEN.*

\*Hymn 761

*"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.*

*May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.*

*Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.*

*Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.*

*Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

*Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Call us deeper into Your ways of love that always open more doors, that lead us to inclusion over exclusion, and that center our thoughts and actions in the heart of Your love. Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

*Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace (*Responsive*)

The commandment that we have from Christ Jesus is that we love one another, treating each other as beloved brothers and sisters.

***We abide in God's eternal love.***

Let its power and joy penetrate your hearts and spirits, preparing you for new growth in the Spirit. AMEN.

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

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Prayer

Come and Fill

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!"

Prayers Lifted to God

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

\*Hymn 526

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

Refrain { *Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (2x)* }

*Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.*

*Refrain*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God [Immanuel] everywhere!*

*Refrain*

# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

*Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and to take your Holy Word to us seriously, as guide and pattern for our lives. Amen.*

First Lesson:

Psalm 101

(p. 552 OT)

<sup>1</sup> I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing. <sup>2</sup> I will study the way that is blameless. When shall I attain it? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; <sup>3</sup> I will not set before my eyes anything that is base. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. <sup>4</sup> Perverseness of heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil. <sup>5</sup> One who secretly slanders a neighbor I will destroy. A haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not tolerate. <sup>6</sup> I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, so that they may live with me; whoever walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me. <sup>7</sup> No one who practices deceit shall remain in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue in my presence. <sup>8</sup> Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all evildoers from the city of the Lord.

## Hold Fast

David Robinson

**Lively**

A D A D A E A E

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

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Second Lesson:

John 15:9-17

(p. 109 NT)

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. <sup>18</sup>"If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you.

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

### The Worship of God Through Giving

Offertory Music

*"Bread of the World"*

St. Andrew Choir

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

*Lord Jesus, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is not an obligation but a joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our giving is an expression of our deep love for you and our want to further your kingdom here on earth. Amen.*

### Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Responsive*)

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.*

. . . Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

## 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

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

(Sing *English* for the bread, *Latin* for the cup)

**Live in Charity** **205**  
*Ubi caritas*

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.  
 U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.  
 u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

Closing Prayer (*Responsive*)

Lord God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. God of light and love, you call us beyond our imagining to tasks beyond our powers. Empower our service and enlighten our worship, that we may know and proclaim You. *Amen.*

**WE LIVE TO SERVE**

\*Hymn 316

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail" (alt. tune Azmon)*

*Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
 brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.*

*Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.  
 As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.*

*Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.  
 Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.*

*Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,  
 that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.*

*Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;  
 our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.*

Benediction

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