

St Andrew Worship - September 15, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.

With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.

***Hymn**

O Lord My God

GtG #624

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

***(Refrain)* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art!
How great thou art! [2x]**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, we live our lives as best we can—
dealing with difficult relationships and situations,
putting failures and disappointments behind us,
and moving into each new day
with as much energy, goodwill,
and optimism as we can muster.

But here, right now,
we seldom have the right answers,
we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives,
we just move ahead.

Forgive us for not asking for your insight.

Fill us with your wisdom,
that we may live lives
of goodness and peace. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*Responsive*)

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with
forgiveness and renewed blessing.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

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.

Anthem

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

Choir

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of Prayer: *Come and Fill* (pew song sheet)

Prayers Lifted to God

The Lord's Prayer (page 35 in Hymnal, using "debts/debtors")

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

Though I May Speak

GtG #693

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love,
my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let
inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*Responsive*)

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:**Psalm 19:1-4, 7-8, 12-14**

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1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmamenta proclaims his handiwork. **2** Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. **3** There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; **4** yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heaven she has set a tent for the sun, **7** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; **8** the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; **12** But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. **13** Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. **14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Second Lesson:**James 3:1-12**

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3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. **2** For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. **3** If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. **4** Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. **5** So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! **6** And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7** For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, **8** but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. **10** From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. **11** Does a spring pour forth from

the same opening both fresh and brackish water? **12** Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Sermon

We All Make Mistakes

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

Divine Source of Wisdom, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. As we gather in your presence, may our gifts reflect the wisdom and discernment you desire for us. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving into actions that make a difference. Help us grow in our faith and commitment to your ways. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

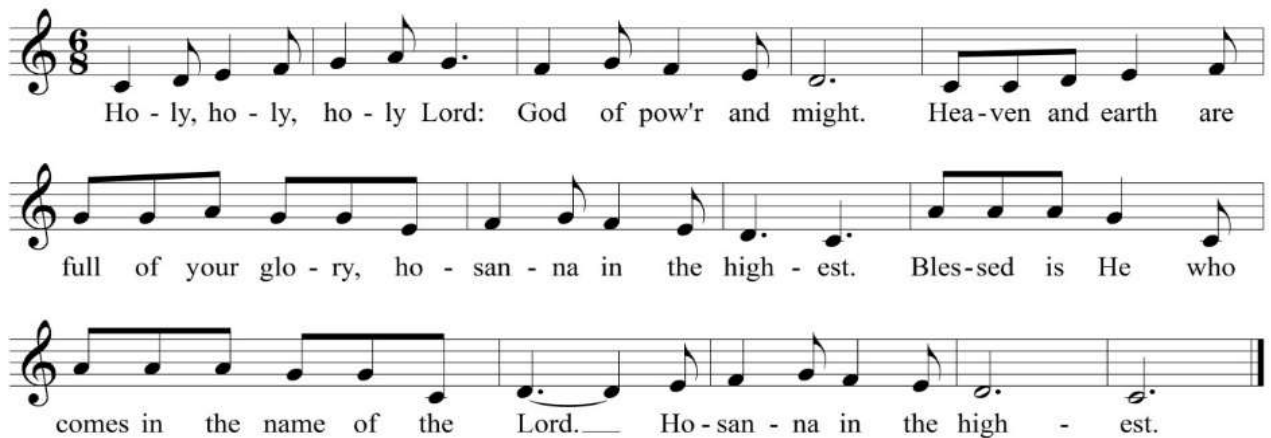
Communion

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.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

(Refrain) You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* GtG #498

Loaves were broken, words were spoken
by the Galilean shore. Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,
was their food forevermore.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

(Refrain) Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine
you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Refrain

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share bread for which
the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Benediction

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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