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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ Mothers Day ✠

May 11, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Shari Gallegos

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)

Come, God gathers us for worship, like a mother hen
gathers her brood under her wings.

Our God, loving, nurturing.

In love, God saves and supports us, teaching us the way we should go.

Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

PRAYER

***HYMN**

For All the Faithful Women

GtG #324

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly
while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;
For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.
We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb
and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O Creating God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded you nurse us, when we grieve you weep with us, when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we don't reach out to you, we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives we pray. Amen

Time for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

GLORIA PATRI (*unison*)

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.

ANTHEM

O Risen Lord

St. Andrew Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God (**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**) (by Rev. Danyelle Ditmer)

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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

Loving Spirit

GtG #293

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

O Wisdom Divine, just as you inspired the mothers of our faith grant us your knowledge and discernment so that we can learn how to be clever in our compassion and courageous in our faith, through Christ and in the Spirit. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 66:10-14

OT page #697

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,

and his indignation is against his enemies.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

NT page #128

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him

to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

SERMON

Mothering Sunday

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING

Doxology Alternative words (*unison*)

GtG #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, and chords are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Chords indicated: D, A, D, Bm, A, D, G, D, Bm, E, A, D, D, G, A, D, Em, A, Bm, Em, D, G, A, Em, G, A, D.

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

Dear Lord, out of your great love for us you have provided for our needs.

There is food for our tables, clothes to cover us, a roof over our heads and someone to love us. For these gifts we are grateful. Bless now, our tithes and offerings, we ask, so that they may be used to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

GtG # 490

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us; guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

BENEDICTION

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- LITURGIST: Carolyn Crocker
- GREETER: Janet Maack
- COFFEE HOST: Janet Maack
- OFFERING COUNTER: Pam Arnsberger

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW

Monday, May 12 th	Operations Mtg @ 10:30 am Book Study @ 1pm via Zoom Bell Choir @ 2:30 pm
Wednesday, May 14 th	Deacon's Mtg @ 10 am Outreach Mtg @ 12 noon
Thursday, May 17 th	Choir Rehearsal @ 2 pm

NEW Book Study! Starting May 12th we will discuss Richard Rohr's newest book, *The Tears of Things*. From Penguin Random House website: *How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel in such an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, revealing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a crucial path forward today.* Join us Mondays at 1 pm via Zoom.

Mom's Favorite Dessert

Sunday, May 18th



Remember when you were a kid and your Mom made the world's greatest dessert?

It's time to dust off that ancient recipe if you have it (or are able to Google it), make it and share it with some of your favorite people.

On Sunday May 18th, bring your Mom's specialty, the one you haven't made in years, and we'll all gather after church to taste the magic and share some fellowship.

If yours is a masterpiece and you haven't pledged secrecy, bring a copy of the recipe so that others can recreate it. Whether you bring a creation or not, stay and enjoy the fun!

Open Mic Benefit for Santa Cruz Veterans. NextStage Productions and St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Aptos join forces to raise funds for Santa Cruz Veterans on **Sunday June 1 from 1:30-3:00 in our church courtyard.** Cat Hampton will perform an original harp and narration piece audiences greatly anticipate. SPIRIT WIND TRIO: Manny Florendo, Roland Reyes, & Coty Catlin add indigenous sounds to our afternoon. SIAMSA: Grainne O'Flynn and Coty Catlin, bring a Celtic flair. Santa Cruz veteran performer Mark Bradlyn offers original compositions for guitar and voice. Returning also will be Valerie Arno, Maggie Pierce, Sandi Jo Stoltencamp and Mindy Pedlar, a regular Cabrillo Stage actress. For more information contact 408 357-0640 or go to www.nextstagesantacruz.org