



***Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025***

***9:00 am***

***St. Andrew's Lutheran Church***  
***San Mateo, CA***  
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*"We welcome all people as children of God and invite them to participate fully in the life and ministry at St. Andrew's regardless of age, race, gender, education, ethnic origin, marital or family status, cultural heritage, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic reality or diversity of ability. We resolve to be a church with open hearts, open minds, open doors and seeking to be reconciled to God and one another." St. Andrew's has a statement of welcome for the LGBTQ+ community.*

*St. Andrew's sits on the traditional land of the Ohlone, Ramaytush and Muwekma tribes.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Pastor John Kuehner**

**Call to Worship**

**Unity Choir and/or Mission Bells**

**Invocation**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn –**

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

**ELW 344**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*Where have we struggled? Where have we been less than perfect?*

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Pause for reflection and thought.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**We struggle. We have been less than perfect.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, spite, or indifference.**

**We disregard the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we often assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may seek to live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as ambassadors of God's grace.

## Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Jesus to take on our nature and to show us the way. In your mercy enable us to share the cross and all its meaning leading to resurrection and life, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Call and Response Reading: Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. <sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.** <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me. <sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.** <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. <sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.** <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me. <sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

## Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And

being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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### **Gospel Acclamation- Return to the Lord**

#### **The Holy Gospel**

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Luke 19:28-40**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you. O Christ**

**Sermon**

*You may be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Where Charity and Love Prevail**

**ELW 359**

## Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.      Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts.

Pause . . .

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the Peace of the God be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share that peace with one another.

*Please stand as you are able*

**Offering Song                      Create in Me a Clean Heart O God**

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray . . .

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

# **The Great Thanksgiving**

## **Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.  
Here by your wisdom are both life and death,  
growth and decay, the nest and the hunt,  
sunshine and storm, dimness and light.

Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient and unending  
hymn:

## **Holy Holy Holy**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Communion Dialogue**

O God triune, you create the worlds,  
you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.  
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.  
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.  
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths and  
seek to live your love. **Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

<b>Our Father,</b>	<b>as we forgive those</b>
<b>    who art in heaven,</b>	<b>    who trespass</b>
<b>hallowed be thy name,</b>	<b>    against us;</b>
<b>    thy kingdom come,</b>	<b>and lead us not</b>
<b>    thy will be done,</b>	<b>    into temptation,</b>
<b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>	<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>
<b>Give us this day</b>	<b>For thine is the kingdom,</b>
<b>    our daily bread;</b>	<b>    and the power,</b>
<b>and forgive us</b>	<b>    and the glory,</b>
<b>    our trespasses,</b>	<b>    forever and ever.</b>
	<b>Amen.</b>

*All are welcomed to come forward for communion as directed by the usher.*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. . .

Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Blessing**

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**                      **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**                      **ELW 712**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God.**