




the good news is...

great love for
God & neighbor


Welcome

Gathering Song

Bless the Lord



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Text: Psalm 103
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Call to Worship

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring us again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Genesis.

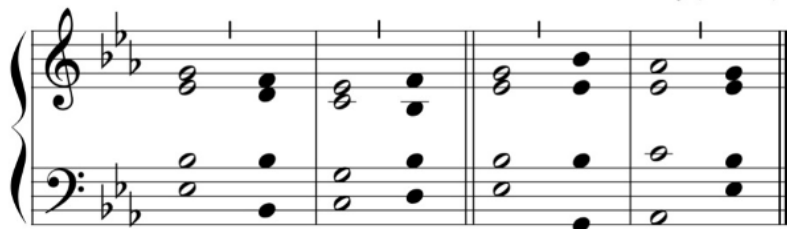
The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 *The congregation chants the verses along with the cantor.*

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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- 1 I lift up my eyes to the ' hills, |
from where is my help to ' come! ||
- 2 My help comes from the ' Lord, |
the maker of heaven and ' earth! ||
- 3 He will not let your foot be ' moved, |
and he who watches over you will not fall a ' sleep. ||
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over ' Israel;, |
shall neither slumber nor ' sleep. ||
- 5 The Lord himself watches over ' you, |
the Lord is your shade at your right ' hand. ||
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by ' day." |

- nor the moon by ' night. ||
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all ' evil; |
it is he who shall keep you ' safe. ||
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming ' in, |
from this time forth for ever ' more. ||

Second Lesson

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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Silence

In a world that rarely stops, we invite you into a brief moment of silence, a space to breathe, to acknowledge our limitations, and to hold in our hearts those who suffer. Let us be still together.

The Gospel

Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Roberto Maldonado

The Creed

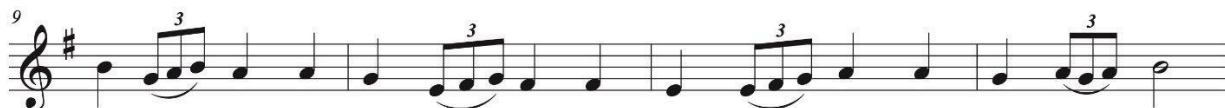
A "creed" is a statement of belief. This song is a rewriting of an ancient creed, the Nicene Creed, written by Christians in 325 AD. We don't see these as things everyone must believe in order to belong to this church community. Rather, they are the framework for our curiosity, and the claims that ground our faith.



1. We be - lieve in God al - migh-ty, au - thor_ of_ all things_ that be.
2. We be - lieve that Je - sus_ suf - fer'd, sourg'd and_ scorn'd and cru - ci - fied;
3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing_ all_ the saints with - in—



Mak - er_ of the earth and_ heavens, keep - er_ of_ the sky_ and sea.
tak - en_ from the cross was bur - ied, True life_ there had tru - ly died.
one church cath - 'lic one church ho - ly where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for_ us both Lord and Christ,
We be - lieve that on the_ third day Christ was_ raised up from the_ grave,
in the_ bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the_ break - ing of death's chain



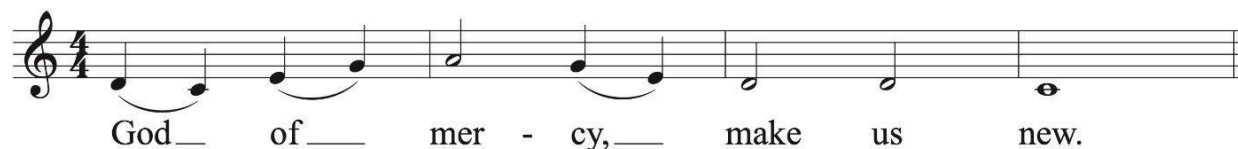
of the_ Spir - it and of_ Ma - ry, born to_ bring a - bund - ant life.
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the_ life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the_ faith that we_ have claimed.

Music: Ton-y Botel, Welsh hymn tune by Thomas John Williams A.T.S.C. (1869-1944)
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The Prayers of the People

From "Liturgy for the Whole Church," by Susan K. Bock

We pray for the church. May she drink deeply from living springs, and travel the deserts in trust and hope.




We pray for the world. May we come to live as one family, and grow beyond the violence of war.




God of mer - cy, make us new.

We pray for this nation. May we be healed of racism, and shine like a lamp on a hill.




God of mer - cy, make us new.

We pray for our community. May our children be safe, our leaders be wise, and our lives be peaceful and just.




God of mer - cy, make us new.

We pray for all the afflicted and every war-torn place in the world. We pray for our neighbors who sleep on sidewalks every night, and for those who are living in fear of deportation. May every sadness find you at its heart, and may there be grace when we suffer. We pray especially for Patty Little.



God of mer - cy, make us new.

We pray for the departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, and may we always remember them by name. We pray especially for David, a friend of the Thorne family.



God of mer - cy, make us new.

God of mercy, make us new. Change our hearts, mend our lives, and lead us to any who need us, for the sake of Jesus who came that all might have life, and have it abundantly.



A - MEN.

The Confession and Absolution

Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done. We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God's grace. Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given.

Merciful God,

Did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?

**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.**

But we must admit, we have a long way to go.

**Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love.**

Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.

Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Community Announcements

The Offertory


But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

When the offering basket comes to you, please take it and pass it on. If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the basket provided. You can also give online at standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews. Thank you!



Offertory Hymn

The Kingdom of God

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. *Last time* 

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When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:

Praise God through - out these for - ty __ days; Praise Christ, our Lord, whom
God did raise; And praise the __ Spir - it who im - parts God's
love in __ Christ in - to __ our hearts. A - men.

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The Eucharist

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

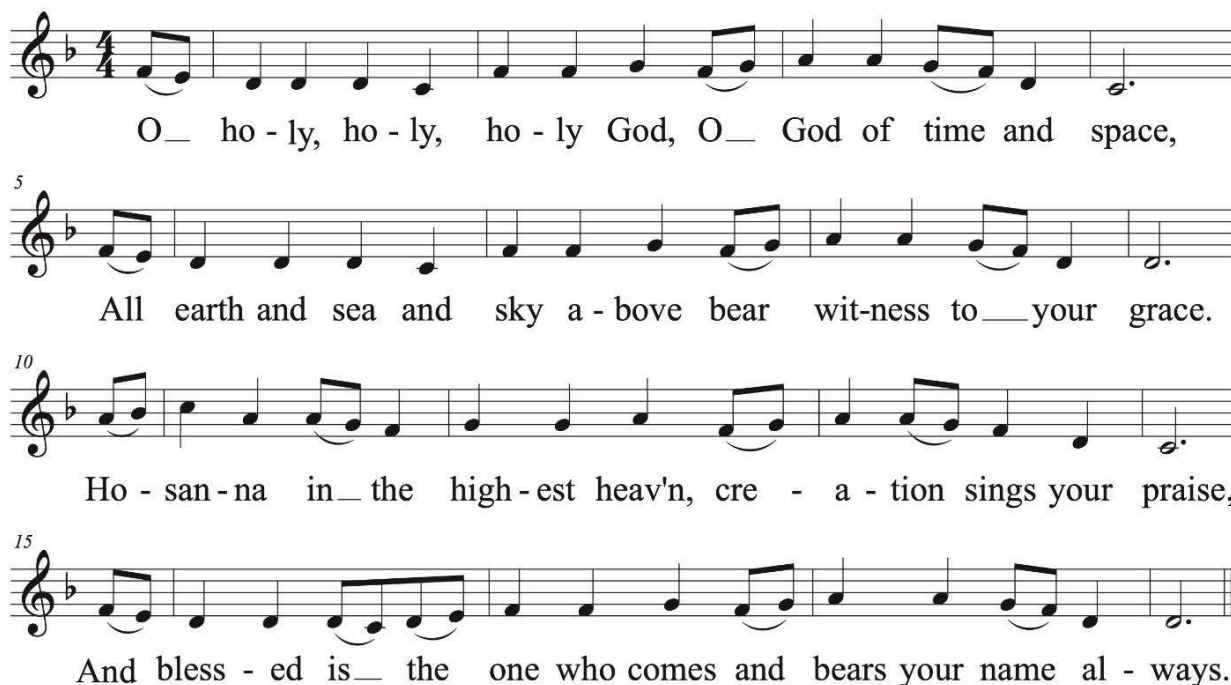
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, O God of time and space,

All earth and sea and sky a - bove bear wit-ness to your grace.

Ho - san - na in the high - est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise,

And bless - ed is the one who comes and bears your name al - ways.

MUSIC: KINGSFOLD, CMD. Trad. English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “**Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.**”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

"Miserere nobis" is a Latin phrase that translates to "Have mercy on us"

"Dona nobis pacem" is a Latin phrase that translates to "Grant us peace"

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

All: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of

world: — Mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

the world:

mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy. Please come forward to receive communion. The minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the person distributing bread. If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please come forward and say "bread only." Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your hands crossed at your shoulders, and the minister will offer a blessing for your presence with us today.

Communion Music

Gracious God

Verses

1. Lead us, Lord, in - to the des - ert; lead us through the
2. In this time of sa - cred strug - gle, in this time of
3. Lord, we hun - ger for your pres - ence; Lord, we're thirst - ing
4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neigh - bor? Is it friend, or

1. wil - der - ness. Through this jour - ney we will fol - low,
2. sac - ri - fice, we re - joice, for we re - mem - ber
3. for your grace. When con - sum - ing all but you, Lord,
4. en - e - my? When we wel - come or con - demn them,

1. for we long to see your face.
2. that you lead us in - to life.
3. all we gain is emp - ti - ness.
4. it is you, O let us see.

Refrain

Gra - cious God, mer - cy is your name. Re - deem -
 Gra - cious God, we bless your ho - ly name. Re - ceiv -

ing Love, you give your life a-way.
 ing love, we give our lives a-way.

Blessings and Celebrations

If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Joanna Harader

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.
And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Living God
be with you today and always. **Amen.**

The Sending Song:

Who on Earth

See next page.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sending Song:

Who on Earth



1. Who on earth can find God's king - dom? Who can know God's won - drous reign?
2. God, we see your world a - round us, and we won - der what will be.
3. God, your Spir - it still sur - pris - es like an ev - er - chang - ing wind,



How can we re - ceive the free - dom of a peo - ple born a - gain?
Is your lov - ing reign a - mong us; is it some - thing yet to see?
Bring - ing life and love and jus - tice where des - pair and death have been.



Can we hear the winds a - blow - ing - where they come from and re - turn?
May we trust your Spir - it's mov - ing, giv - ing life and hope and birth.
May we see your Spir - it work - ing as a gift from heav'n a - bove.



Can we see God's king - dom grow - ing? These are things we long to learn.
May we trust what you are do - ing, joy of hea - ven, hope of earth.
Blest, may we then be a bless - ing to this world that you so love.

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Community Announcements

Anglican Prayer Beads forum today after church

Please join us to learn about Anglican Prayer Beads. These beads provide a simple way of finding a meditation space for personal prayer, wherever you are. We will share a brief history of Prayer Beads and how the beads can be used. Cynthia Webb will be leading and will have samples of beads there to work with.

Stay Connected

If you'd like to receive news and event information from St. Andrew's, please sign up for our weekly enews by emailing info@standrewspb.org. We never share your contact information with anyone.



Wednesday Nights in Lent: Soup Suppers & Community at 5:30 PM

Please join us each Wednesday in Lent for a simple meal and spiritual program facilitated by Father Roberto around our theme, Tell Me Something Good.

We recognize that it can be challenging for some of our members to get to the evening meals because of concerns about driving at night or lacking reliable transportation. If you would like us to help you coordinate transportation for our Lenten meals, please contact Kari in the office at info@standrewspb.org.

Pacific Beach Community Choir: New Season

Have you been interested in joining our community choir? Our new season started this week! Rehearsals are every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30pm in the back of the church. This is a free, no audition, open to all San Diegans (you don't have to live in PB), super fun and flexible choir that sings mostly pop music, open to all genders highschool age and older. You don't have to be able to read music or be a trained singer. All are welcome! Email Katie to sign up: katie@standrewspb.org

Sign up for Summer Camp at Camp Stevens

If you would like to sign your child up for a week at Summer Camp at Camp Stevens, registration is open and spaces are filling fast. St. Andrew's is able to provide scholarships to make camp accessible for all Youth!

Learn more about camp and sign up here: <https://campstevens.org/summer/>

Rebel Women Bible Study

The Bible is full of women who bucked the status quo. Ruth, Naomi, Deborah, Jael - meet the real women of the Bible. No experience reading the Bible? No problem! We approach these stories with curiosity and encourage doubt, questioning, and wrestling with the text. Discover that "biblical womanhood" is all about risk, strength, and justice for the marginalized. Come connect with other women asking big questions and seeking support on their spiritual journey.

Join us on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary as we begin our new book together, "God in the Dark" by Os Guinness.

Supporting Hunger Suppers

Our weekly meal program is consistently serving over 100 people each week! The operational budget for the Hunger Supper ministry is in need of donations to support this increase of nearly double the numbers of guests we served in past years. We are also in need of volunteers to step up as team leads, who plan the meal, shop for the ingredients, and prepare it. Food Handler's certificates are required, and our Volunteer Coordinator, Auburn, is able to provide this training. If you would like to serve as a regular or substitute team lead, please contact Auburn at volunteer@standrewspb.org. If you would like to donate to our Hunger Supper ministry fund, please visit:

<https://standrewspb.org/give/donate> and select "Hunger Supper Support" from the drop down menu. Thank you!

NightWatch 2026 “Cairns”– March 21 at 5:00 PM – March 22 at 9:00 AM
St. Bartholomew’s, Poway
Youth grades 6-12
Cost \$25

This year’s annual EDSB Lent youth retreat is traveling to Poway! This overnight event is a time for youth from all over the diocese to connect in worship, play, and fellowship. This year we will consider the people and places in our lives that point us to Jesus, those that call us back when we are led astray, and the ways all of these things lead us through Holy Week to the empty tomb.

The event includes games, food, small group work, worship, laughter, a bounce house, love, friendship, and more!
Email Kari at family@standrewspb.org to register.