

St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 6 June 2021



Piano Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather as those who worship the One true God.
She is God,
Creator of heaven and earth,
present at the beginning
and who will be present at the end.
He is God,
who favours no one person over another,
who cares for all, with a depth of emotion unrivalled.

Come let us worship,
not human power, celebrity, or wealth,
but let us worship the One who deserves all we have to offer.

Hymn Spirit of truth and grace

Spirit of truth and grace,
come to us in this place

as now in Jesus' name God's people gather.
Open our eyes to see
truths that will ever be,
and in communion draw us close together.

Spirit of joy and peace,
make all anxieties cease
with knowledge of the Father's perfect caring.
Then may God's children know
love that won't let us go
and joy that fills each day, beyond comparing.

Spirit of life and power,
revive us in this hour
and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion.
Fill us with heavenly fire,
and every heart inspire,
that we may serve the world with your compassion.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Strong and steadfast are you, O Lord,
ruler over all creation.
Each human created in your image
bound to you in love,
called to serve.
From the dust you raise us
and place us in communities
each with gifts and graces
meant for sharing.
Forgive us Lord,
for we can be stubborn,
we can be selfish,
greedy and unloving.
Forgive us when fear overwhelms us
and drives us into poor decisions.
Forgive us when doubts seep into us
and cause us to question your way.

Lord help us to face our fear and doubts
to bring them to you and seek your guidance.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
give us strength to make the right choices.
Help us to lead each other in your way
today and always. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Anthem Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots...

He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Who makes the decisions?

Hymn Brother, sister, let me serve you (vv1-3)

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you ;

pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road ;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear ;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

Conversation with Sally Fraser – Edinburgh City Centre Chaplain

Hymn Brother, sister, let me serve you (vv4-6)

I will weep when you are weeping ;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you ;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you ;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Prayers of the People

Hymn My life flows on in endless song (vv1,4)

My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation:
I catch the sweet, though far off, hymn
that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?

Sending and Blessing

Go now and dare
to be God's colourful community
in a world that prefers grey.

Dare to stand out
in a world that prefers conformity.

Dare to live
in a world that seeks death.

Dare to be God's
in a world that thinks it is its own.

And may God's just demands be your nourishment and delight.
May Christ be the power and wisdom of God to you.
And may the Holy Spirit hold you, thought, word and deed
in God's everlasting grace. Amen.

Organ Music

Praeludium in g minor

Nikolaus Bruhns

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