

St Andrew's and St George's West

Order of Service, 17 July 2022

Activists or Contemplatives?



Gathering music

Welcome

Call to worship

As we gather, let us open our hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

In quietness we want to rest in God's presence, free from the world's clamour.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us be glad and rejoice in it. Amen.

Hymn 352 O for a thousand tongues, to sing

- 1 O for a thousand tongues, to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

- 4 He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Hear him, ye deaf ; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come ;
and leap, ye lame, for joy !
- 6 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Opening Prayer and 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.**

'What distracts you?'

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
and also with you

Hymn 502 Take my life, Lord, let it be

- 1 Take my life, Lord, let it be
consecrated, glad, and free ;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of your love ;
take my feet, that I may run
bearing news of Christ your Son.
- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King ;
take my intellect and use
every power as you shall choose.
- 4 Take my will — your will be done,
may my will and yours be one ;

take my heart — it is your own,
it shall be your royal throne.

- 5 Take my love — my Lord, I pour
at your feet its treasure-store ;
take myself, and I will be
all for you, eternally.

Scripture Readings

Colossians 1: 15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in-him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he (Jesus) entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's-feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Reflection Activists or contemplatives?

Hymn 560 Jesus, the very thought of thee

- 1 Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast ;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.
- 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
Saviour of humankind !
- 3 O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind thou art !
how good to those who seek !
- 4 But what to those who find ? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show ;
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but his loved ones know.
- 5 Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be ;

Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Hymn 465 Be thou my Vision

- 1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart ;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art ;
thou my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word ;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord ;
thou my great Father : thine own I would be ;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight ;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower ;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always ;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun !
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Sending and blessing

Sending music

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