

**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 15 January 2023**

**THEME:
Introducing Jesus**

**Matthias Grünewald *John the Baptist*
(part of the Isenheim Altarpiece)**



Gathering music

Preludes

Chorale Prelude on the 'Old 100th' (tune 63) J Pachelbel

Interlude-Pastorale on 'Saffron Walden' (tune 553) GS Morrison

Welcome

Call to worship

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me.

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.

From Psalm 25

Hymn

CH4 63 All people that on earth do dwell

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.**

All age talk

The joy of sharing

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
and also with you

Hymn

CH4 553 Just as I am, without one plea

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1: 29-42

The Lamb of God

²⁹ The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon^[c] to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas”—(which is translated Peter).

Reflection

Introducing Jesus

Hymn

CH4 533 Will you come and follow me

Prayers of the People

Hymn

CH4 459 Crown him with many crowns

Sending and blessing

Sending music

Postlude

Intrada

G Ives

Worship Leader: Rev Angus Morrison

Organist: Mr David Stewart.

Tech Team: Alison Bruce, Philippa Burgess, Amy Marcham, Susan McLarty, Mary Margaret Scott, Ruth Forrester.

Sources:

Scripture reading(s) taken from the New Revised Standard Version unless otherwise stated.

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