

St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, September 20, 2020

Bread for the Journey



Piano music (played by Tim Cooper)
Mazurka in G minor, Op.67 No 2

Frédéric Chopin

Welcome

Sharing the Peace

Call to Worship **Based on Hebrews 8:8-12**

from Spill the Beans

The days are coming, says the Lord,
When I will establish a new covenant.

**May our minds be open to you,
may our hearts be open to you,
that we might be your people, Lord,
and you our God.**

I will be merciful, says the Lord.

**And in thankfulness we will approach you,
Lifting our voices in praise**

**That we would remain faithful to you.
Feed us, Lord, with your living bread.**

Let us worship God.

Hymn 198 Let us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
 All are welcome,
 all are welcome,
 all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
 All are welcome,
 all are welcome,
 all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
 All are welcome,
 all are welcome,
 all are welcome in this place.

Words: Marty Haugen (b.1950)
Tune: Two Oaks

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord of heaven and earth,
we are taught that humanity does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.
There we have it!
We need the food of the earth or our physical bodies perish,
we need the word of your love
spoken into our lives,
and received in spirit that we might thrive.
Thank you for bringing us food from the earth.
We thank you for this gift of creation
that is abundant and a thrill for the senses.
Thank you for the spiritual food

that satisfies our need for more.
Yet, merciful God, we come to recognise
that many are hungry in our world:
some struggle to obtain physical food,
some struggle to obtain spiritual food,
for some it is not easy to find faith.
In your mercy forgive us for any part we play
in the creation of inequality,
in the provision of food across the world,
and for the part we play in withholding the opportunity
from people who seek to discover the living word.
As forgiven people, may we do better.
Hear us now as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught saying:

**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**

Life-Giving Food – with Malawi photos

Introduction to Old Testament Reading

Nico ter Linden

Old Testament Reading Exodus 16: 11-21 (The Message)

God spoke to Moses, “I’ve listened to the complaints of the Israelites. Now tell them: ‘At dusk you will eat meat and at dawn you’ll eat your fill of bread; and you’ll realize that I am God, your God.’”

That evening quail flew in and covered the camp and in the morning there was a layer of dew all over the camp. When the layer of dew had lifted, there on the wilderness ground was a fine flaky something, fine as frost on the ground. The Israelites took one look and said to one another, man-hu (What is it?). They had no idea what it was.

So Moses told them, “It’s the bread God has given you to eat. And these are God’s instructions: ‘Gather enough for each person, about two quarts per person; gather enough for everyone in your tent.’”

The People of Israel went to work and started gathering, some more, some less, but when they measured out what they had gathered, those who gathered more had no extra and those who gathered less weren’t short—each person had gathered as much as was needed.

Moses said to them, "Don't leave any of it until morning."

But they didn't listen to Moses. A few of the men kept back some of it until morning. It got wormy and smelled bad. And Moses lost his temper with them.

They gathered it every morning, each person according to need. Then the sun heated up and it melted.

Hymn There are many ways of sharing

There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing for the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Tune: Lewis Folk Melody

Reflection

Taizé Chant (once through)

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer
When I call answer me
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me

Prayers for Others

Lord of both ancient people
and today's people,
we believe that you
are the provider of bread:
security and spiritual sustenance.
Today,
we pray that we might find contentment
and know a deep happiness
in the life you make possible.
We pray for the people of our world
who lack what so many of us take for granted.
In the nations
where warfare and tribal tensions exist

many are scared.
In our society,
where the gap between rich and poor continues to grow,
we recognise that those with less
are the ones with the greatest challenge.
In our towns and villages many are lonely,
many endure health scares,
and tensions within their families.
Lord of all,
may you seek out those who need
a taste of the living bread,
may your provision of love
create peace in the world,
may your justice
right the wrongs of our world and society,
may your spirit of goodness
give comfort to all who struggle.

Today we hold before you....

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 727 In the bulb there is a flower

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future,
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt, there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Words: Natalie Allyn Wakeley Sleeth (1930-1992)
Tune: Hymn of Promise

Blessing of 'Taking on and Letting Go'

Rebeka Maples

Love what love can do.
Be all that you can be.
God is calling you.

This is not the past.
Do not live there.
Let the voices go.
Do not cling to what is gone.

This is not the future.
We are not there yet.
Let the worries be.
Do not live where you are not.

Live the life that you are in.
Be in the time that you are in.
Love what you can do.
No one can live for you or be what you can be.

Go now into the places where God calls you to go
and be what God calls you to be.
And may the blessing of Almighty God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit,
come upon us and remain with us forever. Amen.

Sung Blessing The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Organ music

Skye Boat Song

Robert Gower

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