

**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 31 July 2022**

From silos to sharing



Gathering music

Waltz in A Minor (op 124, no 4) - Robert Schumann
3 Waltzes (op 9) - Franz Schubert

Welcome

Call to worship

We are a community of faith
a people called to reach out
We have come not to exalt our own goodness,
but to praise the holiness of God.
We have come not to boast of what we have or what we have done,
but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ
by extending the hand of community.
With all our being,
we will praise God and tell of God's goodness.

Hymn 192

All my hope on God is founded

Tune: Michael

- 1 All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he will renew ;
safe through change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust ;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
- 3 God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom passing thought :
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore,
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Day by day the mighty Giver
showers gifts on us below ;
his desire our souls delight in,
pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand
at his hand,
joy awaits at his command !
- 5 Still from earth to God in heaven
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call
one and all :
those who follow shall not fall.

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.**

Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, accept all we offer to you.
Help us, who have much,
remember that we are not what we own,
but what we do with what you give us. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
and also with you

Scripture Readings

Psalm 107 1-9; 43 (read responsively)

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

**² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;**

⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

**⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;**

⁷ he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

**⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

**⁴³ Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.**

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And

I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Hymn Bigger barns are what I need

Aberystwyth

1. "Bigger barns are what I need!" So a rich man said one day.
 "From my worries I'll be free when my wealth is stored away."
 "Fool!" God said, "Today you'll die! Will your wealth mean anything?
 All life's blessings really lie in my life that wealth can't bring."
2. "Bigger barns are what we need for our money, gadgets, more!"
 Lord, we're tempted to believe having wealth, we'll be secure!
 Somewhere children cry for food or to have a doctor's care.
 Can our bigger barns be good when poor neighbours know despair?
3. God of love, we long to know what will make us truly blest.
 Jesus taught us long ago wealth won't give us peace or rest.
 You are our security! Safe in you, we serve, O Lord.
 May we find we're rich indeed when we're sharing with the poor.

Barns and the Bible

Hymn 253 Inspired by love and anger (vv1-3)

- 1 Inspired by love and anger,
 disturbed by need and pain,
 informed of God's own bias,
 we ponder once again :
 'How long must some folk suffer ?
 How long can few folk mind ?
 How long dare vain self-interest
 turn prayer and pity blind ?'
- 2 From those for ever victims
 of heartless human greed,
 their cruel plight composes
 a litany of need :
 'Where are the fruits of justice ?
 Where are the signs of peace ?
 When is the day when prisoners
 and dreams find their release ?'
- 3 From those for ever shackled
 to what their wealth can buy,
 the fear of lost advantage
 provokes the bitter cry,
 'Don't query our position !
 Don't criticise our wealth !
 Don't mention those exploited
 by politics and stealth !'

Reflection

Hymn 253 Inspired by love and anger (vv4-6)

- 4 To God, who through the prophets
proclaimed a different age,
we offer earth's indifference,
its agony and rage :
'When will the wrongs be righted ?
When will the kingdom come ?
When will the world be generous
to all instead of some ?'
- 5 God asks, 'Who will go for me ?
Who will extend my reach ?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach ?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know ?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show ?'
- 6 Amused in someone's kitchen,
asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients
exposed, proclaimed, and wrote,
a saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools.

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Hymn 513 Courage brother

- 1 Courage, brother! do not stumble,
though your path be dark as night ;
there's a star to guide the humble :
trust in God, and do the right.
Let the road be rough and dreary,
and its end far out of sight ;
foot it bravely ; strong or weary,
* trust in God, and do the right.
- 2 Perish policy and cunning,
perish all that fears the light !
Whether losing, whether winning,
trust in God, and do the right.
Some will hate you, some will love you,
some will flatter, some will slight ;
heed them not, and look above you :
trust in God, and do the right.

- 3 Simple rule and safest guiding,
inward peace and inward might,
star upon our path abiding,
trust in God and do the right.
Courage, sister! do not stumble,
though your path be dark as night;
there's a star to guide the humble:
trust in God, and do the right.

**The words 'trust in God' are sung three times.*

Sending and blessing

May you go in the knowledge of God's grace and provision,
grateful for all that God has given
and desiring to be rich in the things of God,
sharing the gifts God has given you
with those who need God most.

And as you go,
may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you now and until you hear the words:
"Well done, my good and faithful friend."

Amen.

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