

## St Andrew's and St George's West

Order of Service 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

“Saying Thank You”



### Gathering music

### Welcome

### Call to worship

O Come and sing the praise of our wondrous God.

**Awesome and marvellous are God's works!**

Come and celebrate God who refreshes us and brings us new life.

**Awesome and marvellous are God's works!**

Be joyful, and celebrate the goodness of God here and everywhere.

**Awesome and marvellous are God's works!**

Come, let us worship God.

### Hymn 173 Sing to God new songs of worship

Sing to God new songs of worship  
all his deeds are marvellous;  
he has brought salvation to us  
with his hand and holy arm.  
He has shown to all the nations  
righteousness and saving power;  
he recalled his truth and mercy  
to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship  
earth has seen his victory;  
let the lands of earth be joyful  
praising him with thankfulness.  
Sound upon the harp his praises,  
play to him with melody;  
let the trumpets sound his triumph,  
show your joy to God the King!

Sing to God new songs of worship  
let the sea now make a noise;  
all on earth and in the waters,  
sound your praises to the Lord.  
Let the hills rejoice together,  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
for with righteousness and justice  
he will come to judge the earth.

After Psalm 98, Michael Baughen (born 1930)  
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## **Opening Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Short talk**

## **The sharing of Christ's peace**

## **Hymn 180 Give thanks with a grateful heart**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.  
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give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us;  
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks...

## **Scripture Readings**

## **Psalm 66:1-12**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.  
Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.  
All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you,  
sing praises to your name.' *Selah*

Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.  
He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
There we rejoiced in him,  
who rules by his might for ever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.  
For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;  
you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

### **St Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

### **Anthem There's a wideness in God's mercy**

Words : Frederick William Faber

Music : Maurice Bevan

### **Reflection "And then there was one"**

## **Hymn 724 Christ's is the world in which we move**

Christ's is the world in which we move;  
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;  
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,  
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

To the lost Christ shows his face,  
to the unloved he gives his embrace,  
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.

Feel for the people we most avoid –  
strange or bereaved or never employed.  
Feel for the women and feel for the men  
who fear that their living is all in vain.

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,  
feel for the women whom men have defiled,  
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,  
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

Feel for the lives by life confused,  
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;  
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,  
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

John L. Bell (born 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)  
Tune: DREAM ANGUS (Scottish lullaby arranged by John L. Bell)

### **Dedication of Offerings**

#### **Prayers of the People**

Our faith was born  
in ancient prisons,  
kindled from ashes,  
sustained amidst mourning,  
and passed to us to light our paths.

We recall with joy  
the ones in whom our faith first lived.

We use our voices to continue their testimony:  
that your love is unceasing, and  
that your mercies are new every morning.

God of healing and hope, we raise our voices to say thank you:  
for the wonder of creation, for the ways we encounter you each day.  
We raise our prayers today that you will help us use our voices.

Where there are places of injustice or oppression, may we speak your liberation.  
Where there are places of despair, may we speak your hope.  
Where there are places of injury and hurt, may we speak your healing.

We raise our prayers today that you will help us use our voices.

God of steadfast love, we raise our voices to say thank you:  
for the faith passed to us and which we try to live.  
We raise our prayers today that you will help us use our voices.

Where there are people enquiring about faith, may we show your love.  
Where there are people engaged on the path of faith, may we speak and listen.  
Where there are people in need of the comfort of faith, may we speak your words.

We raise our prayers today that you will help us use our voices.

You have given us good gifts:  
the gift of life, the gift of love, the gift of mercy,  
the gift of this good Earth, our home.  
The gift of teachers, the gift of presence,  
the gift of people to love, the gift of a call to serve,  
and the gift of hope for the future of your world.

We raise our prayers today that you will help us use our voices.

May our hearts be attentive to your voice.  
May our eyes become open to the needs of the world.  
May the mission and spirit of this faith community be strengthened.  
May we use all that we have been given to further your purposes in this world.

All of these we pray in the name of the One whose voice we echo.

**Amen.**

### **Hymn 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell**

- 1 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.*

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace ;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus :
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat :  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us :
- 4 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 :
- 5 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 :

Marty Haugen (*b.* 1950)

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## **Blessing**

## **Sending music**

**Worship leaders** : Rev Matthew Bicket and James McNeill

**Musician**: Jamie Turnbull

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