

**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 7th May 2023
'The Church as Template'**



Gathering music

Welcome

Call to worship

⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?**
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹ **Lift up your heads, you gates;**
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24: 7-10

Hymn 200 Christ is made the sure foundation

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.**

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
and also with you

Anthem Let thy hand be strengthened John Blow

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Psalm 31: 1-5; 15-16

- ¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
- ² Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
- ³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
- ⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Hymn 704 I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above

1 Peter 2: 4-10

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:^a

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ This honour, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Hymn 608 Spirit of truth and grace

Reflection *Living Stones*

Hymn 642 Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Prayers of the People

Hymn 519 Love divine, all loves excelling

Sending and blessing

Sending music

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Prayers of the People: Selda Dow

Scripture Reader: Elizabeth Mackay

Organist/pianist: James McNeill

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