

**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 11th June 2023**

'The Accompanying Presence'



Gathering music

Welcome

Call to worship

O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.

**Worship the LORD in holy splendour;
tremble before him, all the earth.**

Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!"

From Psalm 96

Hymn

CH4 268 O God of Bethel

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

CH4 153 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Exodus 33: 12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' ¹³ Now if I have found favour in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." ²¹ And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Anthem

1 Thessalonians 1: 4-10

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report

about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Hymn

CH4 463 Fairest Lord Jesus

Reflection

The Accompanying Presence

Hymn

CH4 556 I need thee every hour

Prayers of the People

Hymn

CH4 167 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Sending and blessing

Sending music

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