

St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 16th July 2023
'The Priority of Peacemaking'



Gathering music

Welcome

Call to worship

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

Psalm 133

Hymn CH4 715 Behold! The mountain of the Lord

Opening Prayer and 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

Hymn CH4 718 We cannot measure how you heal

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Proverbs 12: 14-20

¹⁴ From the fruit of the mouth one is filled with good things,
and manual labour has its reward.

¹⁵ Fools think their own way is right,
but the wise listen to advice.

¹⁶ Fools show their anger at once,
but the prudent ignore an insult.

¹⁷ Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence,

but a false witness speaks deceitfully.
¹⁸ Rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
¹⁹ Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.
²⁰ Deceit is in the mind of those who plan evil,
but those who counsel peace have joy.

James 3: 13-18

¹³ Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. ¹⁵ This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Hymn

CH4 755 Be still and know that I am God

Reflection

‘Peacemaking or peacekeeping?’

Hymn

CH4 710 ‘I have a dream’, a man once said

Prayers of the People

Hymn

CH4 159 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

Sending and blessing

Sending music

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