

**St Andrew's and St George's West**  
**Order of Service, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**'Keeping Faith Focused'**



**Gathering music**

**Welcome**

**Call to worship**

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
**for he will speak peace to his people,**  
**to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
**righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
**and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will give what is good,  
**and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him,  
**and will make a path for his steps.**

*Psalm 85: 8-13 (NRSV)*

**Hymn 110** Glory be to God the Father

## 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 443** He is Lord, he is Lord

## Scripture Readings (NRSV)

### ***Psalms 105: 1-6***

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.  
<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
<sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.  
<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,  
<sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

*Praise the LORD!*

**Anthem** Day by day, Martin How

### ***Matthew 14: 22-33***

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were

terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' <sup>29</sup> He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

**Hymn 260 (*alternative version*)** Eternal Father, strong to save

### **Reflection**

**Hymn 509** Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn 485** Dear Lord and Father of mankind

### **Sending and blessing**

### **Sending music**

Worship Leader: Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Worship Assistants: Mary Margaret Scott

Scripture Reader:

Organist/pianist:

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