

St Andrew's and St George's West

Sunday 1 October 2023



Gathering music

Call to worship

Our help is in the name of the Eternal One

Who made heaven and earth

Sing to the Eternal One, bless his name

Tell out God's saving love from day to day

Glory to God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer

Let us exalt God's name together

Hymn 103 Fill your hearts with joy

Opening Prayers 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.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

and also with you

Hymn 231 For the fruits of all creation

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17. 1-7 (NRSV)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' 5 The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Anthem All things bright and beautiful Music: James Letham

Scripture reading: Philippians 2.1-13 (NRSV)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hymn 424 Blest be the everlasting God

Sermon

Hymn 613 Gracious Spirit, hear our pleading

Talk Arie Glas, Mulanje Mission Hospital

Prayers of the people

Hymn 235 God is working his purpose out

Blessing and sending

Amen (Hymn 825)

Sending music

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Speaker: Dr Arie Glas, Mulanje Mission Hospital

Reader: Jennifer Speirs

Prayers of the People: Walter Dunlop

Organist: Jamie Turnbull

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