

St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 3rd September 2023
'Full-time Disciples'



Gathering music

Welcome

Call to worship

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

But as for me, I walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

Psalm 26: 2-3, 8, 11-12

Hymn

CH4 127 O worship the King, all glorious above

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 123 God is love: let heaven adore him

Scripture Readings (NRSV)

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Matthew 16: 21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?’

²⁷ ‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Hymn

CH4 549 How deep the Father’s love for us

Reflection

‘Full-time Disciples’

Hymn

CH4 517 Fight the good fight with all your might

Prayers of the People

Hymn

CH4 519 Love divine, all loves excelling

Sending and blessing

Sending music

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