

**St Andrew's and St George's West  
Order of Service, 15th October 2023  
10.30am**

**'Transforming Wedding Guest'**



**Gathering music**

**Welcome**

**Call to worship**

**<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!**

**<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

**<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.**

**<sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

**<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts,  
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

*From Psalm 84*

**Hymn 105** Glory to God 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 181** For the beauty of the earth

**Scripture Readings (NRSV)**

***Ephesians 5: 15-20***

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Anthem** Let's sing to the Lord Music and words: Brazilian folk song

***John 2: 1-11***

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But

you have kept the good wine until now.' 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Hymn 180** Give thanks with a grateful heart

**Reflection** 'Transforming Wedding Guest'

**Hymn 336** Christ be our light! The bright and morning star

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn 519** Love divine, all loves excelling

**Sending and blessing**

**Benediction**

**Sending music**

Worship Leader: Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Worship Assistants: Dorothy and Alastair Mackenzie

Scripture Reader: Ruth Sheard

Organist/pianist: David Stewart

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