

# ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS

**12 November 2023**



## **Welcome & Time of Sharing**

### **Call to Worship:**

Loving God, we entrust to your care  
**those we have brought with us in our hearts,  
and those that we have forgotten.**

We entrust to your guidance  
**the plans that we have committed to do,  
and the things that we have neglected.**

We entrust to your mercy  
**our wisdom and our foolishness,  
trusting in your grace and faithfulness.**

Let us celebrate, with thankfulness, your ever-present love.

**Amen.**

### **SONG:**

1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-  
ing  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning  
Keep me burning 'til the break of day!

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna  
Sing hosanna, to the King!*

2 Give me love in my heart, keep  
me serving  
Give me love in my heart, I pray  
Give me love in my heart, keep  
me serving  
Keep me serving 'til the break of  
day!

3 Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
 Give me peace in my heart, I pray  
 Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
 Keep me resting 'til the end of day!

## PRAYER

### Introduction to the Reading

**READING: Matthew 25:1-13**

**SONG** TIS 745 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
 and his righteousness,  
 and all these things  
 shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia,  
 alleluia, alleluia, allelu-*

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
 seek and you shall find,  
 knock and it shall  
 be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

*Refrain*

3 We shall not live by bread alone,  
 but by every word  
 that proceeds  
 from the mouth of the Lord.

Allelu, alleluia.

*Refrain*

## REFLECTION

**SONG** (Tune: TIS 608 Fulda)

1 Come join us at the gospel feast  
 let everyone be Jesu's guest  
 you need not now be left behind  
 for God has called all humankind.

2 Sent by my Lord, on you I call,  
 the invitation is to all;  
 come all the world and witness how  
 all things in Christ are ready now.

3 Come all you folk by life oppressed,  
 you who are seeking peace and rest,  
 you poor, and lame, and sick and blind  
 in Christ a hearty welcome find.

4 Tell them, my grace for all is free,  
 They cannot be too bad for me.  
 Tell them, their sins are all forgiven,  
 Tell every creature under heaven.

5 This is the time, no more delay!  
 This is the Lord's accepted day.  
 Come in, this moment, at his call,  
 And live for him who died for all.

**Meditation: You call me to wait on You, Lord.**

**SONG:**

Don't be afraid, my love is stronger,  
 my love is stronger than your fear.  
 Don't be afraid, my love is stronger.  
 and I have promised,  
 promised to be always near.

Words and music by John Bell.

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

*Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread  
 forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power  
 and the glory are yours,  
 Now an forever.  
 Amen.*

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

**SONG:** Companions on the Journey

1 No longer strangers to each other,  
no longer strangers in God's house;  
we are fed and we are nourished  
by the strength of those who care,  
by the strength of those who care.

*We are companions on the journey,  
breaking bread and sharing life;  
and in the love we bear is the hope we  
share  
for we believe in the love of our God,  
we believe in the love of our God.*

2 We have been gifted with each other,  
and we are called by the Word of the  
Lord:  
to act with justice, to love tenderly,  
and to walk humbly with our God,  
to walk humbly with our God.

3 We will seek and we shall find;  
we will knock and the door shall be  
opened;  
we will ask and it shall be given,  
for we believe in the love of our  
God,  
we believe in the love of our God.

*Words and music: Carey Landry © 1985*

**Blessing:**

May today prepare you for tomorrow.  
May you be prayerful in your preparation,  
and daring in your doing.  
May you be wise at work, and foolish at play.  
And may each experience be enriched  
by the knowledge that you are loved by God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit..

**AMEN**

*[You are invited to light a candle as you leave the sanctuary.]*

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**PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK: Mr Fergus McGinley**