

ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS

14 January 2024



CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, we are called to follow Jesus.

What a challenge! What an opportunity!

Called to move, as he did, among the people, to feel with them, to care with them, to touch them and be touched by them.

Called to discern those gifts of life which God has hidden deep within each of us, and to share freely those gifts of our hearts, our hands, our whole selves.

Called to place our gifts into God's holy hands, and to follow with hope.

We will hear the call to follow Jesus and listen for his voice to lead us, calling us God's children, calling us each by name

SONG: TiS477 Jesus calls us here to meet him

1 Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.

Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

2 Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of All,
sharer of our flesh and frailness
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

3 Jesus calls us to each other:
 found in him are no divides.
 Race and class and sex and language
 such are barriers he derides.
 Join the hand of friend and stranger;
 join the hands of age and youth;
 join the faithful and the doubter
 in their common search for truth.

PRAYER

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

SONG: TIS 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain;
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord;
is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame;
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts are satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Reading: John 1:43-51

In this we listen for the word for us today

Thanks be to God

REFLECTION

SONG: (Tune TiS 679) (please refer to attached song sheet)

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 and forever.
Amen.*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

SONG TIS 749 Thuma Mina – Send me, Lord

1 Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina Somandla.
(repeat)

3 Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus;
fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.
(repeat)

Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus;
send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.
(repeat)

4 I will go, Lord, I will go, Lord;
in your name, Lord, I will go.
(repeat)

2 Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus;
lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.
(repeat)

Sending out prayer

Go now. Listen for the voice of God
and follow wherever it leads.

Do not be dominated by anything.

Allow no room within yourselves for deceit,
but offer yourselves as a temple for the Holy Spirit.

And may God be with you and speak through you;
May Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life;
And may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy.

We go in peace to love and serve our God,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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

PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK: Ms Jenny Esots