

# **ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS**

**SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER: BUILDING BRIDGES**



## **Call to Worship**

Speak your words of truth to us, gracious God,  
**that we may speak to others.**

Show us the work that is to be done,  
that we may show others.

Move our hearts with compassion,  
**that we may move others.**

Challenge us with the message of the gospel,  
**that we may challenge others.**

Nurture us when we doubt or are afraid,  
**that we may nurture others.**

Be alongside us day by day.

**In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**SONG:                    Let us build a house                    (Marty Haugen)**

1

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve, and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face.  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome....

3

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard and loved  
and treasured, taught, and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome....

**PRAYER**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME: BUILDING BRIDGES**

**SONG:**                   **(Tune TiS 613)**                   Richard Bruxvoort Cooligan

1

God of my breathing and God of my heart Spirit embodied in  
all human parts

Would that this body, from head to the toes

Bring forth Your glory in all that I know

2

God of my eating and God of my taste Flavour my nourish-  
ment full with Your grace Bless what comes in through this  
mouth that it might Bless how I live with the kindness of  
Christ

3

God of my hearing and God of my sight

Bless all I find from the moment I rise

Upon this mind your table be found

Prayerfully offered these visions and sounds

4

God of my footsteps and God of my path

Where these feet travel may they know no lack Shoes on the  
pavement or toes in the soil

Carry your servant where Christ bids them go

5

God of my memories, Lord of this mind

God of the moment whose vision is time

All I remember and all I forget

Hold in Your keeping so this soul might rest

6

God of my limits and God of all truth You who have knit me  
with joy in the womb

Would that this body from head to the toes

Bring forth Your glory in all that I know

**READING: Acts 17:22-31**

In this we listen for the word for us today

**Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION****SONG: TiS 153**

1

God is love, let heaven adore him;

God is love, let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him,

and exalt him with one voice.

God, who laid the earth's foundation,

he who spread the heavens above,

and who breathes through all creation

God is love, eternal Love.

2

God is love, and gently enfolding

all the world in one embrace,

with unfailing grasp is holding

every child of every race.

And when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,

then they find that self-same aching

deep within the heart of God.

3

God is love, and, though with blindness

sin afflicts our human hearts,

God's eternal loving kindness

holding, guiding, grace imparts.

Sin and death and hell shall never

o'er us final triumph gain;

God is love, so love for ever

o'er the universe must reign.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Through the Spirit of Jesus

**May we build a bridge of hope.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today 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**

God, you hold me like a mother,  
Safely on her knee;  
God, you hold me like a mother,  
Close to you but free.

God, you watch me as I wander,  
Keep me in your sight.  
God, you watch me as I wander,  
Hold me day and night.

God, you hold me like a mother,  
Teach me to be free.  
God, you hold me like a mother,  
Show your love to me.

**SONG:**

**TiS 182**

1

Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God.

Hail and hosanna!

bring many names!

2

Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation, genius at play:

Hail and hosanna,

strong mother God!

3

Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:

Hail and hosanna,

warm father God!

4

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:  
Hail and hosanna,  
old, aching God!

5

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice, giving all you have:  
Hail and hosanna,  
young, growing God!

6

Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home: Hail and  
hosanna,  
great, living God!

## **BLESSING:**

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes, the love of God be reflected in your hands, the wisdom of God be reflected in your words, and the knowledge of God flow from your heart, that all might see, and seeing, believe.