

# **ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS**

**17 March 2024**

**Lent 5**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**WELCOME AND NOTICES**

**Responsive Psalm**

**Psalm 51:6-12**

You desire truth in the inward being;

***therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.***

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

***wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.***

Let me hear joy and gladness;

***let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.***

Hide your face from my sins,

***and blot out all my iniquities.***

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

***and put a new and right spirit within me.***

Do not cast me away from your presence,

***and do not take your holy spirit from me.***

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

***and sustain in me a willing spirit.***

**SONG:**

In a church that's moving forward

1 In a church that's moving forward, this is where we long to be.

In a church with gifts abounding and the grace to set them free.

In a church of many cultures in a church both old and young,

in a church of many accents when the song of Christ is sung.

2 With a Lord who leads the mission for a people on the way,  
 with a Lord who's healing blindness lets the voiceless have their say;  
 with a Lord of every nation with a Lord of every place,  
 with a Lord who shines compassion on to every tribe and race.

3 On a road that leads to wholeness when we're broken or unsure,  
 on a road to understanding, where division finds a cure;  
 on a road where all may travel on a road where many roam,  
 on a road we walk together as we make our journey home.

**Centring**

**Geoff**

**SONG:**

**Love Makes A Way**

1 Love makes a way to open the door,  
 love spreads a welcome mat down on  
 the floor,  
 love feeds the hungry and sits with  
 the poor,  
 the greatest of all is love.

2 Love clothes the cold and tends  
 to the frail,  
 visits the sick and the prisoner in  
 jail,  
 love sees a need and answers the  
 call,  
 the greatest of all is love.

3 Love isn't jealous, impatient or  
 proud.  
 Love keeps no record of wrongs that  
 are done.  
 True love rejoices when goodness pre-  
 vails,  
 love never fails.

4 Love sees a stranger and acts as a  
 friend,  
 love breaks down walls, finds bridg-  
 es to mend,  
  
 love chooses life and sticks to the  
 end,  
 the greatest of all is love.  
 The greatest of all is love.

**Scripture**

**John 3:14-21**

## Hearing the word

## Prayers of the people

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Jim Cotter -New Zealand Prayer Book

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and shall be, Mother and Father of us all,  
loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
Sustain our hope and come on earth!  
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In time of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.  
Amen*

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**SONG:** Just a closer walk with thee

1 I am weak but thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long, As I walk let me walk close to thee

*Chorus: Just a closer walk with thee. Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to thee. Let it be dear Lord let it be*

2 Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter Lord who cares  
Who with me my burden shares. None but Thee dear Lord none but  
Thee

*Chorus*

3 When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently safely o'er, To thy kingdom shore to thy shore

*Chorus*

## **Offering and Dedication**

## **Sending Out**

**SONG:** A Christmas Blessing

May the feet of God walk with you and God's hand hold you tight  
May the eye of God rest on you and God's ear hear your cry  
May the smile of God be for you and God's breath give you life  
May the Child of God grow in you and God's love bring you home

**Pray for Pastoral Support Workers within the schools of our region**

**The Bay Area Ministers Association is holding a Dawn Service on Easter Morning (31 March 2024) at 6.30am at the beach front near the Ferris Wheel. We invite you to come and share in this service of Worship and Witness as we greet the new day and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.**

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

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**PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK: Rev Geoff Hurst**