

# **ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS**

**18 February 2024**

**Lent 1**

**WELCOME—NOTICES**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST PEOPLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come, so God might open our eyes,  
**to discover the many wonders surrounding us  
embraced by a joy deep within us.**

We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,  
**to hear the sounds of brokenness around us  
singing then the melodies of hope.**

We are here, so the Spirit might teach us humility,  
**to embolden us to walk the path of enduring Love  
enfolded by the peace that passes understanding.**

**SONG:**                    **“All people that on earth do dwell ” TiS 59**  
                                  (refer to attached song sheet)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION.**

Loving and liberating God, we admit to the temptation  
to be dazzled by the false gods and values of this age,  
and find it hard to recognise who we are,  
where we come from, or where we are going.

**Open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly  
and seek your way more diligently.**

We are tempted to become self-centred, seduced by cynicism  
and the agendas of powerful, vested interests.

**Open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly**

**and seek your way more diligently.**

We are tempted to submit to the false god's of this age and harden our hearts to the cries of hurting souls.

**Open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly and seek your way more diligently.**

## **DECLARATION OF RECONCILIATION**

**BIBLE READING:** Genesis 9: 8-17 For

### **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God the Creative force whose goodness seams through all creation with irrepressible beauty and truth, **whose patience and generosity exceed all human expectation, and whose glory neither earth nor the heavens can contain.**

We believe in Christ Jesus, the true Child of God, who came to disruption the demonic powers, though it cost him his life; **who from beyond death comes again to gather his disciples into a community of the free; who refused to be intimidated by threats, or waylaid by any religion which had no grace.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the source and sustainer of abundant life, **who from the very beginning flows from God, enhancing the gifts of all in the service of humanity.**

We believe in the church as the universal body of Christ, **as the sharers of Christ's peace, in the timeless, mystic fellowship of all God's people, and in the life that transcends all sorrow and death.**

**Amen**

*Bruce Prewer*

**BIBLE READING:** Mark 1: 9-15

For the word of God in scripture,

For the word of God among us.

For the word of God within us.

**Thanks be to God**

**SONG:** "A Man There Lived in Galilee" **TiS 235**  
(refer to attached song sheet)

**MESSAGE**

**SONG:** "When he was baptised in Jordan" **TiS 252**  
(refer to attached song sheet)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION****PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

O Lord hear our prayer

**And remember the covenant of grace**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

*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 for ever.*

*Amen.*

**SONG:                   ““Love will be our Lenten calling”   TiS 684**

1  
Love will be our Lenten calling,  
love to shake and shatter sin,  
waking every closed, cold spirit,  
stirring new life deep within,  
till the quickened heart remembers  
what our Easter birth can mean.

2  
Peace will be our Lenten living  
as we turn for home again,  
longing for the words of pardon,  
stripping off old grief and pain,  
till we stand, restored and joyful,  
with the Church on Easter day.

3  
Truth will be our Lenten learning:  
hear the Crucified One call!  
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,  
images and idols fall,  
and, in Easter's holy splendour,  
God alone is all in all.

**BLESSING**

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

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**PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK:   Rev Dave Williamson**