

ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS

20 August 2023

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION:

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of nothingness we came, through birth into life

With the Spirit of God within us.

From the life of God, the universe unfolded into being

With the Spirit of God within it.

From the heart of God, creation goes on till the end of time

With the Spirit of God within it and with our spirit within it.

Let us embrace the God who enfolds all and every thing.

We delight in God and in everything God has made.

SONG: TIS 156 Morning has broken

1

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing
fresh from the word.

2

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung from completeness
where his feet pass.

3

Mine is the sunlight;
mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day.

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

SHARING blossoms blooming beautifully.....

SONG: TIS 137 For the beauty of the earth

1

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

4

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

6

For the church that evermore,
lifting holy hands above,
offers up on every shore
the pure sacrifice of love,

BIBLE READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-5; Romans 15: 7-13.

REFLECTION

SONG: ATN 79 Feed us now

Feed us now, Bread of life, in this holy meal:
 Let us know your love anew; we hunger for you.
 Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;
 Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord, this food is good:
 Love and mercy come to us – your promise is true.
 Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand
 How his mercy works in these...yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near – nearer than our thoughts.
 Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.
 God is here, O so near, in this heaven's meal.
 May we always feed on you – on the bread that is true.

HOLY COMMUNION**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS :****THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

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

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

SONG: ATN 31 Freely, freely, you have received

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share
His love as he told me to.

Chorus:

*He said: "Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live..."*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share
His power

Chorus:

BLESSING:

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

PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK: Rev Graham Sturdy