

ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS

21 January 2024

“Salvation, Citizenship, Service” (Ephesians 2)

Call to worship

The water is poured, reminding us of our baptism in Christ.

The Christ candle is lit, reminding us of Christ's presence with us.

The Bible is opened, reminding us of the Word of God, come to us.

I will bless the Lord at all times;

His praise shall always be in my mouth.

My soul will boast in the Lord.

Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

Let us exalt his name together!

Psalm 34: 1-3

SONG: TiS 227 When morning gilds the skies

1 When morning gilds the skies,

my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer

I know my Lord is there:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round

in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky,

from depth to height, reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

2 To God, the word on high

the hosts of angels cry:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let mortals, too, upraise

their voice in hymns of praise:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, when day is past,

of all my thoughts the last,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day

when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Be this while life is mine
 my song of praise divine,
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Be this the eternal song
 through all the ages long,
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

Prayer of Confession:

Story of a Saint: David Ngunaitponi.

Offertory Prayer:

SONG TIS 209 And can it be.

1 And can it be that I should gain
 an interest in the Saviour's blood?
 Died he for me, who caused his pain
 for me, who him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! how can it be
 that thou, my God, shouldst die for
 me!

(Repeat last 2 lines of each verse)

2 'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies:
 who can explore this strange design?
 In vain the first-born seraph tries
 to sound the depths of love divine.
 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
 let angel minds inquire no more.

3 He left his Father's throne above
 (so free, so infinite his grace!),
 emptied himself of all but love,
 and bled for Adam's helpless race.
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free:
 for, O my God, it found out me.

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
 fast bound in sin and nature's night:
 thine eye diffused a quickening ray
 I woke; the dungeon flamed with
 light!
 My chains fell off, my heart was free,
 I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5 No condemnation now I dread:
 Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
 Alive in him, my living Head,
 and clothed in righteousness divine,
 bold I approach the eternal throne,
 and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-22

Reflection on the Word:

[“Salvation, Citizenship, Service.”](#)

SONG TIS 195: Salvation now to us has come

1 Salvation now to us has come
 by God’s free grace and favour;
 good works cannot avert our doom,
 they help and save us never.
 In faith we look to Christ alone,
 who did for all the world atone;
 he is our one redeemer.

2 The law of God fulfilled must be,
 or we were lost for ever;
 therefore God sent his Son that he
 might us from death deliver.
 For us the law he has fulfilled,
 the Father’s anger he has stilled;
 God’s curse is gone for ever.

3 Since Christ has full atonement made
 and brought to us salvation,
 each Christian therefore may be glad,
 and build on this foundation:
 your grace alone, dear Lord, we plead,
 your death is now our life indeed,
 for you have paid our ransom.

4 To you, O Lord, in faith we cling,
 we love and trust you truly,
 and from this faith good works will
 spring
 that serve our neighbour duly.
 It’s faith alone that justifies;
 the works that from such faith arise
 reveal that it is living.

5 All blessing, honour, thanks and praise
 to Father, Son, and Spirit,
 to God who saved us by his grace;
 all glory to his merit!
 O Triune God, in heaven above,
 you have revealed your saving love;
 your blessed name we hallow.

Prayer of Intercession:

SONG TIS 216: Rejoice the Lord is King

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore;
let all give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore;

*Refrain: lift up your heart, lift up
your voice.*

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain*

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given: *Refrain*

4 He sits at God's right hand,
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

We soon shall hear the archangel's
voice;
the trump of God shall sound, Re-
joice!

Blessing:

May the strength of God sustain us;
the power of God preserve us;
the hands of God protect us;
and the way of God direct us.

**May the love of God go with us
now and forever.**

Amen

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

PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK: Jenny Esots