

ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS

25 February 2024

Lent 2

WELCOME—NOTICES

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND FIRST PEOPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

***Lent calls us to journey:
to the place where God covenants with us,
to receive the new names we are given.***

Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell future generations the good news.

***Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.***

Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

***Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.***

Lent calls us to journey with God.

***Let us worship God, who walks with us,
this and every day.***

Thom Shuman

SONG: Praise with Joy TiS 179
(refer to attached song sheet)

Lenten Litany

When we are happy

When we are full of sadness
God welcomes us with love

When Abraham chuckled
And Sarah laughed
God promised them life

When we are bewildered
When we are full of questions
God welcomes us with love

When Abraham wondered
And Sarah hoped
God promised them joy

When we are full of joy
When we are full of wonder
God welcomes us with love

We enter the story
Of God's love and laughter
We rejoice in the promises of God

Ruth Burgess - Eggs and Ashes

Let us pray together:
***As in days of old, Creator God,
we come to look for your signs of covenant promises.
Like the joy and delight of Sarah & Abraham,
the stars in the sky pointing to your wonder
we see and know your signs
and hear your voice again
directing us to places
of preparation and transformation
in our lives and in our world.
Lead us in this season of Lent
With signs of covenant, promise, and grace.
Amen.***

SONG: Community of Christ TiS 473

1 Community of Christ,
 who make the Cross your own,
 live out your creed and risk your life
 for God alone:
 the God who wears your face,
 to whom all worlds belong,
 whose children are of every race
 and every song.

3 Community of Christ,
 through whom the word must
 sound -
 cry out for justice and for peace
 the whole world round:
 disarm the powers that war
 and all that can destroy,
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of
 anguish
 into joy.

2 Community of Christ,
 look past the Church's door
 and see the refugee, the hungry,
 and the poor.
 Take hands with the oppressed,
 the jobless in your street,
 take towel and water, that you wash
 your neighbour's feet.

4 When menace melts away,
 so shall God's will be done,
 the climate of the world be peace
 and Christ its Sun;
 our currency be love
 and kindness our law,
 our food and faith be shared as one
 for evermore.

Benediction

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

PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK: Rev Geoff Hurst