

ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS

3 September 2023

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION:

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG: TIS 187 Let all creation dance.....

1

Let all creation dance
in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance,
unfolding space and time,
for nature's art
in glory grows,
and newly shows
God's mind and heart.

2

God's breath each force unfurls,
igniting from a spark
expanding starry swirls,
with whirlpools dense and dark.
Though moon and sun
seem mindless things,
each orbit sings:
'Your will be done.'

3

Our own amazing earth,
with sunlight, cloud and storms
and life's abundant growth
in lovely shapes and forms,
is made for praise,
a fragile whole,
and from its soul
heaven's music plays.

4

Lift heart and soul and voice:
in Christ all praises meet
and nature shall rejoice
as all is made complete.
In hope be strong,
all life befriend
and kindly tend
creation's song.

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

O gracious and loving God, your constant love reaches the heavens
Your faithfulness extends to the skies.

Your righteousness is towering like the mountains
Your justice is like the depths of the sea.

People and animals are in your care.

How precious, O God, is your constant love

We find protection under the shadow of your wings

We feast on the abundant food you provide.

You let us drink from the river of your goodness

You are the source of all life, and because of your light, we see the light.

SHARING A Whistle

SONG: TIS 745 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

2

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find,
knock and it shall
be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain

3

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds
from the mouth of the Lord.

Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain

BIBLE READINGS: Matthew 16: 21-28

REFLECTION

SONG:

Now this is the way, to follow the Lord
 Let's give life away, and all we have stored.
 Keep nothing of self and surrender it all
 Why trade our salvation for this little world?

O Lord, we will go – we will pay the price
 For others to know your love sacrifice
 This share in your suff'ring can never compare
 To all you are offering. Our cross we will bear.

What wise sage can delve this mystery profound?
 When we lose ourselves for others we're found!
 Surrender our lives and we no longer die!
 We'll follow in Christ's love and lift the cross high!

Brenton Prigge UWP.

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 time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For yours is the kingdom,
 the power and the glory
 For ever and ever.
 Amen.*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR OFFERING

SONG: TIS 351 Lift high the cross....

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

1

Come, people, follow where our captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

Lift high the cross

2

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of him who died:

Lift high the cross

4

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
draw all to you, let all the nations see:

Lift high the cross

5

From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on the cross adore their Saviour King:

Lift high the cross

BLESSING:

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

PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK: Rev Carol Chambers Baptism Service