

ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS

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WELCOME/NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP a reading from **Genesis 1**

SONG: **At the Dawn of Your Creation [to tune TIS 152]**

1

At the dawn of your creation, God,
you spoke, “Let there be light”
You divided earth from heaven, you
created day and night
You made sunbeams dance with
shadows, you created energy!
Peaceful evenings, bright tomor-
rows, all began with “Let there
be...”

2

By your word, you formed creation:
dry land, water, ocean breeze,
Soon there burst forth vegetation –
plants with fruit, majestic trees.
Rain and snow and changing sea-
sons, creatures filling land and sea
–
God, your very good creation all
began with “Let there be...”

3

When you made us as your chil-
dren, sending us through your
lands,
You commanded, “Have dominion
– care for earth; it’s in your hands”
Yet we hurt this world you’ve given;
we harm earth and sky and sea.
We forget it’s Your creation – you,
who once said, “Let there be...”

4

At this joyful celebration, may we
hear your word anew:
May we care for your creation,
knowing it’s a trust from you.
Just as daily there’s a dawning,
bringing light to all we see,
So we daily hear your calling – You,
who once said: “Let there be...”

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PRAYERS OF PRAISE

God, you are a brilliant God: yours is a household name

Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you;

...toddlers shout the songs.

We look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky
-jewellery.

We look at the moon and the stars mounted in their settings.

And then we look at our small selves and wonder, why do you bother
with us....why do you take a second look our way?

And yet, you have put us in charge of your handcrafted world

You have given us charge of sheep and cattle,

...wild animals; flying birds; and fish and whales.

God, you are a brilliant God: your name echoes around the universe.

TIME OF SHARING:

SONG: **P&W 253 Holy Spirit come...**

Holy Spirit, come, make my ears to hear,

Make my eyes to see, make my mouth to speak,

Make my heart to seek, and my hands to reach out

And touch the world with your love. X 2

BIBLE READING: Romans 8: 31-35; 37-39

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

SONG: TIS 132 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty

1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;

holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity

2

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you,
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
 sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,
 God everlasting through eternity.

3

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,
 though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
 you alone are holy, there is none beside you
 perfect in power, in love and purity.

4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
 all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky
 and sea;
 holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING GIVEN:

SONG: Go Walk with God [to tune TIS 654]

1

Go walk with God in all you do,
And may God's love bring joy to you.
May gifts of peace fill all your days
And may God's truth guide you always.

2

O may the grace of Christ our Lord,
The wondrous love that comes from God,
The Spirit's fellowship now be
God's gifts to you eternally.

3

We thank you, Lord, for life to share
Through learning, serving, praise and prayer.
And when we say goodbye to friends,
We thank you, Lord: Love never ends.

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BLESSING:

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