

ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS

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Welcome & Time of Sharing

Call to worship

Loving and gracious God, you are so patient with us.

We run away, and you seek us.

We make foolish choices, and you teach us the better way.

We hurt you and others, and instead of hurting us back, you forgive us.

Help us, we pray; help us reveal your glory and goodness in our living,

That we will bear the imprint of Christ throughout the world.

TiS 179 Praise with joy the world's creator

1

Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

2

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence
Friend and Stranger, Guest and host.

3

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure
foolishness none dare deride.

4

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

PRAYER

Introduction to the Reading

READING: Matthew 21: 33-46

TiS 668 Touch the Earth Lightly

1

Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in
our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow
will bear.

2

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures
that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and
forgive!

3

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is
sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will com-
plete.

4

God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and
the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us one.

REFLECTION**SONG**

**Blest are they, the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled.**

***Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the Kingdom of God***

**Blest are they, the lowly ones
They shall inherit the earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
They shall have their fill.**

**Blest are they who show mercy
Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God.**

**Blest are they who seek peace
They are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith
The glory of God is theirs**

**Blest are you who suffer hate
All because of me
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom
Shine for all to see.**

Prayers for others (with a verse sung after each prayer)

**Let our earth be peaceful, let our hearts be hopeful,
let our hands be gentle for the love of God.**

**Let our ways be mindful, mending what is hurtful,
doing what is needful for the love of God.**

**Let our lives be fruitful, beautiful, and playful,
every day be thankful for the love of God.**

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

Thanksgiving Prayer

TIS 607 Make me a channel of your peace.

1

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

2

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain

3

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sending out and blessing prayer:

Let us be open to the ways of Christ amongst us.

The blowing of the Spirit.

The creating of Eternal God.

Eternal One,

bless us and the people we meet along the way.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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

PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK: Rev. Esmond Dowdy