

# **ORDER OF SERVICE: ST ANDREWS**

## **9 July 2023**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to God, all who hunger for life

***FOR IT IS GOD WHO NOURISHES US***

Come to God, all who are feeling weary and worn

***FOR IT IS GOD WHO PROVIDES THE REST WE NEED***

Come to our God, all who are weighed down

***FOR IT IS GOD WHO CARRIES OUR BURDENS WITH US.***

**SONG:            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.

## **PRAYERS OF PRAISE**

**SHARING** about a rainbow...

**SONG: TIS 655 O Let the Son of God enfold you**

1

O, let the Son of God enfold you  
 with his Spirit and his love;  
 let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul;  
 O, let him have the things that hold you  
 and his Spirit, like a dove,  
 will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives;

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives.

2

O come and sing this song with gladness  
 as your hearts are filled with joy;  
 lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name;  
 O, give him all your tears and sadness,  
 give him all your years of pain,  
 and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill our lives;

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**BIBLE READINGS:** Matthew 11: 16-19; 25-30

**REFLECTION** [Phil]

**SONG:            TIS 590    What a friend we have in Jesus**

1

What a friend we have in Jesus  
all our sins and griefs to bear,  
what a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer:  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2

Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus is our only refuge:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in his arms he'll take and shield you,  
you will find a solace there.

**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 trial, and deliver us from evil.*

*For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory*

*For ever and ever. Amen.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING**

**SONG: TIS 647 Comfort, comfort all my people**

*Refrain*

*Comfort, comfort all my people*

*with the comfort of my Word.*

*Speak it tender to my people:*

*all your sins are taken away.*

1

Though your tears be rivers running,  
though your tears be an ocean full,  
though you cry with the hurt of living:  
comfort, comfort.

Every valley shall be lifted,  
every mountain shall be low,  
every rough place will be smoother:  
comfort, comfort. *Refrain*

2

Though your eyes see only darkness,  
though your eyes can see no light,  
though your eyes see pain and sorrow:  
comfort, comfort.

Every night will have its morning,  
every pain will have an end,  
every burden will be lightened:  
comfort, comfort. *Refrain*

**BLESSING:** [Phil]

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

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**PREACHER FOR NEXT WEEK: Rev Carol Chambers**