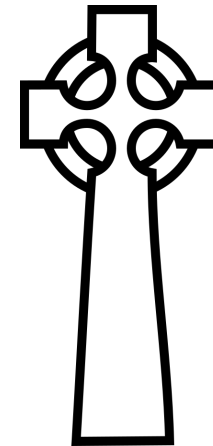


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**ST ANDREW'S
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MORNING PRAYER

Welcome to this service at St Andrew's Church

If you are visiting please make yourself known to the minister or sidespeople.

This service follows the order laid down in Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England which was Authorised for use from Advent 2000. Common Worship allows for a great deal of local and seasonal variation in the services used.

The minister leading the service will guide the congregation through the service.

A Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us
safely to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger,
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gathering

The Greeting

A hymn is sung.

Please remain standing.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence

The Minister uses a seasonal invitation to confession or the following.

Jesus says, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Please sit or kneel.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed be the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world,
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Come, let us sing

Chorus

**Come, let us sing, sing together,
Let us raise our voices in one song.
Let us gather in His presence
And praise the Lord for all that He has done.**

**Great creator, mighty God,
Who made the earth and all upon the land,
Who like a shepherd gently leads us
And ever keeps us safely in His hand.**

Chorus

**In temptation, listen to Him,
Hear the words and understand His ways,
For God is always there beside us
And forever shall be all our days.**

Chorus

**Glory be to God the Father,
And glory be to Jesus Christ the Son,
And glory to the Holy Spirit
Forevermore and while all ages run.**

Chorus (Jancis Harvey)

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

Please stand as the psalm is said or sung.

The Psalm

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading

At the end of the reading the reader will say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. Either a hymn or the following is sung.

The Celtic Alleluia

Chorus

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**Father, we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
For your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.**

Chorus

**Blessed apostles sing praise,
prophets and martyrs give glory;
For your majesty, praise the Spirit, praise the Son!**

Chorus

**You are the Christ everlasting, born for us all of a Virgin,
You have conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.**

Chorus

**Help those you saved by your blood,
raise them to life with your martyrs,
Save your people, Lord, as their ruler raise them up.**

Chorus

Please sit.

New Testament Reading

At the end of the reading the reader will say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears
you will appear with Him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

A hymn is sung.

Please sit.

The Sermon

Please stand.

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Please stand.

A hymn is sung.

Please sit or kneel.

Collect of the Day

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Peace

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep *our* hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace,
God's seal on our prayers.

A hymn is sung.

During the singing of this hymn the collection is taken.

The Blessing or The Grace

Thank you for being with us today.

*Please do stay for coffee and biscuits in the North Room
after the service.*

**PLEASE LEAVE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE FOR FUTURE
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