



Saint Andrew's
Episcopal Church

Sunday 19th September

(Harvest Festival)

A Celebration of Holy Communion for the Season of Creation



Welcome to church this morning!

So that everyone is able to worship safely,
please respect the various social distancing and other
safeguarding measures put in place, and follow any
directions given by the ushers.

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PREPARATION

1 Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

2 Hymn

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

Refrain

3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends
above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

Refrain

4. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of
heaven:

Refrain

5. For thy Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love:

Refrain

3 Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

4 Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all your strength.'

The second is this:
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

5 Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children.
 There is no room for fear in love.
 We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
 and to our fellow members
 in the Body of Christ
 that we have sinned in thought,
 word and deed,
 and in what we have failed to do.
 We are truly sorry.
 Forgive us our sins,
 and deliver us from the power of evil,
 for the sake of your Son who died for us,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
 forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
 heal and strengthen *us* by the Holy Spirit,
 and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

6 Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.**

7 Gloria

**Glory to God, to God in the Highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, to God in the Highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God, to God in the Highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God,
of God the Father,
Amen, Amen.**

8 Collect of the day

God, in whom all things are possible, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, so that none may hunger, none may thirst, and all may cherish the gifts of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

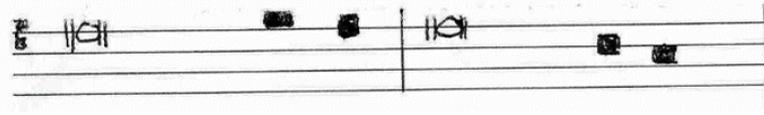
- 9 Readings: Joel 2.21-27
1 Timothy 2.1-7

At the end of each reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10 Psalm 126



¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes **of** Zion :
we were like those **who** dreamed.

² Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs
of joy :
Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great
things **for** them.”

³ The Lord has done great things **for** us :
and we are filled **with** joy.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, **Lord** :
like streams **in the** Negev.

⁵ Those who sow with **tears** :
will reap with songs **of** joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping, carrying seed **to** sow :
will return with songs of joy, carrying **sheaves** with them.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son** :
and to the **Holy** Spirit :
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :
world without end, **Amen**.

11 Gospel: Matthew 6.24-33

When it is announced:
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

12 Sermon *or other exposition of the Word*

13 Apostles' 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.**

14 Prayers of the People

15 Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and the Wine

16 Offering

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made;
it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will
become for us the cup of our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

or **Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from
you, and of your own do we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

17 Eucharistic Prayer

We remain standing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise to the Lord.

Worship and praise belong to you, O God,
Creator of all things visible and invisible,
Source of life and immortality,
Whom the heavens praise,
the sun and moon and all the stars,
the earth, the sea and all that is in them,
in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.
you divided light from darkness,
created the heavens and established the earth;
you divided the sea from the dry land,
and caused all life to come into being.
When you had made the plants and the animals,
you formed humanity in your own image,
and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh,
took our human form, lived among us,
and, through dying on the cross,
overcame sin and death,
that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit
Who first moved over the waters,
you renew your creation, call us to new birth,
in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
with all your creatures throughout space and time
we offer you our praise,
together with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
God our creator,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time,
present at creation.

Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world,
and bring your saving work to its completion.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free
to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own,
he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of
Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.
Amen.**

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

18 Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share one bread.**

19 Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.
And 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.**

20 Communion Song

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

21 Prayer of Humble Approach

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs
under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body
and our souls washed through his
most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.**

22 Communion

*Please approach the nave altar as directed by an usher
and return to your seat following the one-way system in
operation.*

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

23 Sentence

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.**

24 Prayer

God, the source of all that is, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy.

Amen.

25 Hymn

1. We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

Refrain:
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the
Lord,
for all his love.

2. He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
he fills the earth with beauty,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

Refrain

3. We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain

26 Blessing

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of Creation, rejoicing that you are made in God's image, and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth's bounty, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

27 Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen!

Musical voluntary

The musical voluntary at the close of a service is the concluding part of our act of worship. Please treat it as such, and leave your seat quietly, allowing the music to end in prayerful silence rather than applauding.

Next Sunday's readings: Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29
James 5.13-20
Mark 9.38-50

Notices

Today's Service

This year's Harvest Festival is being badged as 'Climate Sunday'. We are doing this alongside many churches in Scotland anticipating the UN Climate Change Conference (the COP) in Glasgow early in November. Having launched our "Green Ticket Scheme" on Rogation Sunday in May, we are revisiting it today. The Address will take the form of a dialogue between Jenny Evetts and David Cole-Hamilton – both members of our Eco-Congregation group. Booklets explaining the scheme and further green tickets can be obtained at the church door, in the Vestibule and on the church website. After the service, do join us in the church garden when members of our Young Church will harvest the potatoes they planted earlier in the year.

Traidcraft

Today (19th September) we will relaunch our Traidcraft stall after the 10am service. Please do come and support this work...and enjoy some Traidcraft products! Please talk to Jenny Evetts or visit <http://www.stasstas.com/traidcraft.html> for more info.

Food for Thought Course

The St Andrews Churches' Eco-Network is offering a Zoom-based Harvest Study Course "**Food for Thought**" each Wednesday in September - the final meeting being a shared meal at the Community Hub. More at www.stasstas.com/eco-congregation-group.html.

"Line in the Sand 2021"

St Andrews University students are again mounting a "Line in the Sand" on 24th September drawing attention to the climate emergency in advance of COP26. This will take the form of creating a human chain along the West Sands. If you wish to join this action either assemble at 10.45 at St Salvator's Quadrangle or at 12.00 on the West Sands.

Godly Play Discovery Day

Saturday, 9th October 10am-4pm at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. If you have any interest in learning more about Godly Play and perhaps joining the Young Church Godly Play team, we would love to have you come along. See Jessica if you want to know more (lang.jessica99@gmail.com).

Prayer Vigil

A 24-hour ecumenical prayer vigil will be held in the church from 10.00 am on 23rd to 10.00 am 24th October. The vigil will be focused on the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) starting in Glasgow on November 1st. There will be number of prayer stations around the church designed by members of Saint Andrews and other churches around the town to facilitate your prayers. More information nearer the date.

St Andrew's Prayerbook

"Do you have a prayer or two that are particularly meaningful or helpful to you or just really beautiful or thought provoking? Would you be prepared to share it with others by contributing them to the congregational prayer book that we are preparing?"

Many of you have already sent me some but there is still plenty of room for more. I need time to get copyrights (unless you have written the prayer yourself) so please send them soon to Helen Paterson: hmpaterson@doctors.org.uk

Accommodation Needed

St Andrews Rotary Club has been made aware of a third year Undergraduate, Brian Jessich, from Austin in Texas, who is looking for accommodation this semester. The University has advised Brian that it can only offer accommodation in Dundee, whereas he is keen to continue his studies whilst living in St Andrews. Brian is studying ancient history and is looking for a room, either with or without board. From the detail we have received, he appears to be a quiet, diligent young man, with a passion for baking! Currently he is still in Texas, doing his studies via Zoom at 0300 in the morning. If you are able to help Brian, it is probably best to contact his father, David via email: jessich@hotmail.com

Choral Evensinging, Sundays at 5pm

Join us for a service of Evensong this afternoon, here at St. Andrew's St Andrews.

Butterflies

Butterflies is a group for parents and/or carers with babies and pre-school aged children. During school term time, we meet every Monday morning from 10:00 - 11:30am. To sign up, <http://www.stasstas.com/butterflies.html>

Post of Office Administrator

As we gradually enter the 'new normal' of life beyond COVID restrictions, we are intending to open the church office on a daily basis during the week and are seeking someone able to staff the office for two and a half hours Monday to Friday. Ideally this will be someone already linked to the life of our congregation, though applications from those active in other Christian congregations and with relevant experience will be welcome. If you are interested or know of someone who might be suitable for the post, please speak to Trevor or to John Matthews for further details of the role and how to apply.

Services during the Week

Join us for prayer during the week.

- Wednesday: 9pm Compline service via Zoom (link available at <http://www.stasstas.com/this-weeks-diary.html>)
- Friday: 11am Holy Communion service, in person