

St Andrew's and St George's West

Order of Service Sunday 8 November

**Service of Remembrance
with German Speaking Congregation and Albany Deaf Church**

Linked by Light



Tolling of the bells of St Andrew's and St George's West

Today a bellringer will be ringing the tenor bell half-muffled before and after the morning service. The bell will ring normally, or open on one stroke, followed by a muffled ring on the other, an echo as it were, to remember the dead of all conflicts.

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: From the darkness of death,

All: God calls us into glorious light.

One: From the pain of conflict and struggle

All: God call us into the beauty of peace.

One: Children of light,

All: God calls us today to remembrance.

One: In light and in peace,

All: we will remember them.

Hymn 182 Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven -
the Father and the Son
and Spirit - now be given:
the one, eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart, translated by Catherine Winkworth
Music: Johann Crüger

Opening Prayer Yvonne Morland

In our damaged histories,
Lord, redeem us from our past.
In our willing acts of conflict,
Lord, lead us to seek peace.
In our divisions and extremism,
Lord, unite us with your love.
In our confusion, indecision,
Lord, steady us with your power.
In our muddled intentions,
Lord, enlighten us with your truth.

The Lord's Prayer (English/German)

Our Father who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done

Vater unser im Himmel,
geheiligt werde dein Name,
dein Reich komme,
dein Wille geschehe

on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
have trespassed against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory for ever
and ever.
Amen.

wie im Himmel und auf Erden.
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,
wie auch wir vergeben
unseren Schuldigern.
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.
Denn dein ist das Reich
und die Kraft
und die Herrlichkeit in
Ewigkeit.
Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm verses 'linked by light'

The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. (Psalm 18:28)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Psalm 119:105)

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. (Psalm 119:130)

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. (Psalm 139:11-12)

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand; Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love. Psalm 31(14-16)

New Testament Matthew 5:13-16 (German/English)

Ihr seid das Salz der Erde. Wenn nun das Salz nicht mehr salzt, womit soll man salzen? Es ist zu nichts mehr nütze, als dass man es wegschüttet und lässt es von den Leuten zertreten. Ihr seid das Licht der Welt. Es kann die Stadt, die auf einem Berge liegt, nicht verborgen sein. Man zündet auch nicht ein Licht an und setzt es unter einen Scheffel, sondern auf einen Leuchter; so leuchtet es allen, die im Hause sind. So lasst euer Licht leuchten vor den Leuten, damit sie eure guten Werke sehen und euren Vater im Himmel preisen.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Reflection 1 Salt

Hymn 712 What shall we pray for those who died (vv 1,2,3)

What shall we pray for those who died,
those on whose death our lives relied?
Silenced by war but not denied,
God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who mourn
friendships and love, their fruit unborn?
Though years have passed, hearts still are torn:
God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who live
tied to the past they can't forgive,
haunted by terrors they relive?
God give them peace.

Words: Carnwadric Parish Church (Glasgow) Worship Group and John L. Bell
Music: John L. Bell

Reflection 2 Light

Hymn 712 (vv 4,5)

What shall we pray for those who know
nothing of war, and cannot show
grief or regret for friend or foe?
God give them peace.

What shall we pray for those who fear
war, in some guise, may re-appear
looking attractive and sincere?
God give them peace.

Act of Remembrance

Leader: They shall grow not old,
All: as we who are left grow old.

Leader: age shall not weary them,
All: nor the years condemn.

Leader: at the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
we will remember them:
All: we will remember them.

Hymn 712 (verse 6)

God give us peace and, more than this,
show us the path where justice is;
and let us never be remiss
working for peace that lasts.

Candle Lighting

We give thanks for this precious moment in the light of your love.
As we now bring fire to this candle wick,
It will glow with light.

We are linked by light – in the name of Christ.

We bring the fire of love to this time of prayer and remembrance.
The light of your love brings light into the darkness of the world and is gentle and merciful
with all our failures.

We are linked by light – in the name of Christ.

May this candle send forth dancing rays of love and reconciliation,
and may these rays of light reach out to all of us – and beyond (those at home light their
candle as well)

We are linked by light – in the name of Christ.

We are linked by light.

Here and wherever we are.

Linked by Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silence

Anthem

And then I saw a new heaven and a new earth
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.
And God shall wipe all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, no crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
For the former things are passed away.

Words: Revelation 21:1,4

Music: from Cantata Ein feste Burg (2017) by Andrew Carvel

Soloist: Frances Cooper – Soprano

Sharing the Peace (British Sign Language)

Jesus says: My peace I leave to you; my peace I give unto you.
We meet in his name; we share his peace.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Ever-living God,
today we remember those whom you have gathered
from the noise and storm of this world
into the peace of your presence.
May that same spirit of peace
fall on us and all who remember this day.

Deep, searching God,
who has taught us
to love our enemies,

and do good to those who hate us,
give us, we pray, the courage
which delivers us from the dread of our foes.

God of each new day
be with us as we look forward,
show us that your love can overcome fear,
and take away our demonising
of those who are different from us.

God of light and love
restore us to the harmony you intended for the whole human race.
Guide people of all faiths and no faith into your ways of peace and justice.
This we ask in and through your Spirit of freedom, truth and mercy.

Amen

Benediction (German/ English)

May the God of love fill your heart with peace
and send you into the world to live it.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be with you and all people this day and evermore. Amen.

Möge der Gott der Liebe Eure Herzen mit Frieden füllen
und Euch hinaus in die Welt senden, um die Liebe zu leben.
Und der Segen des allmächtigen Gottes, Schöpfers, Erlösers und Erhalters
sei mit Euch und allen Völkern – heute und bis in Ewigkeit. Amen

Sung Blessing The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Organ Music O Welt, ich muss dich lassen Op. 122 Johannes Brahms

Tolling of the bells of St Andrew's and St George's West

Leaders: Reverend Verena Jantzen, Reverend Dr Rosie Magee, Alison Bruce, Jane Brown

Readers: Ellen Campbell, Bill Mitchell

Director of Music: Brigitte Harris

The Choir of St Andrew's and St George's West

Vocal ensemble: Eleanor Cozens, Eleanor Wilson, Caitlin McGillivray, Drew Crichton, Tim Cooper, Andrew Carvel

Pianist: Eleanor Cozens

Bells: Mike Clay, Morven Cross

Technical Team: Alison Bruce, Andrew Carvel, Susan McLarty, Mary Margaret Scott

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