

**St Andrew's and St George's West, Edinburgh
Order of Service for Sunday 22 March 2020**

Welcome

Hymn 782 Lord of life, we come to you

**Lord of Life, we come to you
Lord of all, our Saviour be
come to bless and to heal
with the light of your love.**

**Through the days of doubt and toil,
in our joy and in our pain,
guide our steps on your way,
make us one in your love.**

Opening Prayer

Our Scripture reading and the meditation, this morning, will be interspersed with the singing of Hymn 694 Brother, sister, let me serve you. Pat brings our gospel reading to from her home in the north of Edinburgh.

Hymn 694 (verses 1 and 2)

**Brother, sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too**

**We are pilgrims on a journey
And companions on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load**

Reading Mark 8:22-26 Jesus heals a blind man at Bethsaida (NRSV)

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Can you see anything?"

And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even go into the village."

Hymn 694 (verses 3 and 4)

**I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night-time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen the journey through.**

Meditation by Rev Dr Rosie Magee

Hymn 694 (verses 5 and 6)

**When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too**

Prayers of the People ending in the Lord's Prayer

The sung response is 'Lord of Life, we come to you' and we will conclude with the words of the Lord's Prayer. Please join me in the words of the Lord's prayer as you would wish – our voices are united in spirit.

Let us Pray:

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Sung Response by the choir

Lord of Life, we come to you
Lord of all, our Saviour be
come to bless and to heal
with the light of your love.

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Sung response by the choir

Through the days of doubt and toil,
in our joy and in our pain,
guide our steps on your way,
make us one in your love.

**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.
Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen**

Sung response by the choir

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Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you (Aaronic Blessing) sung by the choir

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.

Credits

Worship led by Rev Dr Rosie Magee

Reading by Pat McKerrow

Director of Music Brigitte Harris

Vocal ensemble Caitlin McGillivray, Eleanor Wilson, Drew Crichton, Andrew Carvel

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