

**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 4 July 2021**

Travel Light



Piano Music

Menuet sur le nom d'Haydn

Maurice Ravel

Welcome

Call to Worship

(inspired by Psalm 123)

Lift your eyes to God:

in the highest heavens, we see your glory, Great Creator.

Reach out your hands to Jesus:

in the compassion of an enemy, we know your love, O Christ.

Feel the breath of the Spirit:

in our sinews and in our souls, the Spirit whispers hope.

Let us worship the God who reigns,

by entering the depths of our humanity

and setting the humble soaring on the wings of the Spirit for the sake of eternity.

Hymn

Morning has broken

Morning has broken

like the first morning,

blackbird has spoken

like the first bird.

Praise for the singing,

praise for the morning,

praise for them, springing

fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight ;
mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play !
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day !

Sharing Christ's Peace

Prayer of Adoration

Father, we adore you,
lay our lives before you,
how we love you!
Jesus, we adore you,
lay our lives before you,
how we love you!
Spirit, we adore you,
lay our lives before you,
how we love you!

Prayer of Confession

(inspired by 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10)

Merciful God, of what do we boast?

Can we truly say with Paul that we do not boast about ourselves or our achievements?

Does the danger in such thinking lie in the next step—

the thought that we can do anything, or all things—by ourselves?

**Forgive us the times when we ignore you, O God,
and depend on our own strength to do things our own way.**

Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness.

**Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering
if we want to get ahead in life.**

Paul says that he boasts of his weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in him.

**Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively,
ignoring that indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be vulnerable.**

Jesus says "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Fill our lives with your grace, Lord,

so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake,

and fill us with the knowledge that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you,
that we are truly strong. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear again the good news: that Jesus' grace is sufficient for us all—
sufficient for us to be forgiven in his name.

Receive that grace and rejoice in the power to live in his strength.

Thanks be to God!

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven.
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.**

Scripture Reading Mark 6:1- 6

He (Jesus) left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Home Advantage?

Anthem

Let thy hand be strengthen'd and thy right hand be exalted,
Let justice and judgment be the preparation of thy seat,
Let mercy and truth go before thy face.
Alleluia.

Words: Psalm 89 vv14-15. Music: John Blow (1649 – 1708)

Scripture Reading Mark 6:7-13

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony

against them.’ So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Take nothing for the journey

Hymn Oh where are you going?

Oh where are you going
and can I come with you,
and what is your method
for keeping alive?

No pack or possessions,
no clothing or shelter,
no food to sustain you –
how can you survive?

Oh where are you going
and can I come with you,
and why is your company
never the same?

You sit among beggars,
you argue with bankers,
debate with the lawyers
and walk with the lame.

Oh where are you going
and can I come with you,
and what can you show
for your talents and time –
no profit from trading,
no thing of your making ,
no mark or memento,
no picture or rhyme.

Oh where are you going
and can I come with you,
and what is the secret
towards which you strive?
What hidden inspirer,
what unseen admirer,
what dream is the substance
upon which you thrive?

‘I’m going on a journey
and welcome companions,
but don’t ask me how we’ll
survive, where we’ll go,
or who will be with us
or what we’ll be doing.
Just join me in travelling
and learn all I know.’

Prayers of the People

Response: As we pray for other people..
We are praying for ourselves

Loving God

We pray for other people. We know that we are all connected, that what any one of us does affects everyone else, for good or bad. And in speaking to you about other people we are just as much asking for your love and support for ourselves.

Our loving God, knowing that you want this world to be as close as possible to the kingdom of heaven, we give thanks for those who enter public office for all the best of reasons - to help others, to establish justice and fairness - and we are sorry and angry for the pressures that can make them give up their principles and ideals. We pray for new MSPs, MPs and councillors, for people taking up new positions of power or work, for young people hoping to find purpose and vigour in a new phase of their lives

As we pray....

We give thanks for all that is good in our own land and for the many freedoms we enjoy. May that never make us complacent. May we never, as Christians, pretend that politics is not our concern.

We pray for our neighbours who do not have the wealth and advantages that we enjoy - neighbours in our own street, our own city, our country, or countries thousands of miles away.

We pray for those who are unhappy in their own selves, who are judged for the way they dress or talk, who feel left out or cold-shouldered, or who cannot join in because of mental ill-health, physical capacity, language, culture or age.

As we pray....

We give thanks for all who work for fairness, for justice, for peace, for health, and for the natural world and climate justice; give them vision, strength, energy and love in all they do.

As we pray...

We pray for the Church that bears Christ's name, but which continually lets him down.

When we worry about declining numbers, remind us that weakness for you is strength and that the important thing is what we do, not how many we are.

When we argue about what we should be doing, remind us that all you need us to do is to trust.

When we doubt our own hearts, show us right from wrong, and justice from prejudice.

When we are afraid to put our heads above the parapet, to tell people about our faith, to support the unpopular people when we feel they are right, remind us that we have a role model and a friend in Jesus, who spoke out but spoke always in love.

Give us the fire to glow, the breeze to nerve, and your arms to lean on, to stand unbent, and find in you our life. Amen

Hymn Great God, your love has called us here (vv1,2,5)

Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.

We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

Sending and Blessing

God sends us out into the world

Not to build walls
but to dismantle barriers.

Not to load on chains
but to liberate the oppressed.

Not to close our doors
but to welcome the stranger.

Not to further fragment the body of Christ
but to re-imagine it.

God sends us out into the world
to live as a sign of the justice and peace of his kingdom.

Organ Music

Toccata e Fuga

Italian anon 18th cent

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