

**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 15th August 2021
Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost
"Bread that nourishes"**



Piano music before the service *Mary Godden*

Welcome *Crispin Longden*

Introit Hymn 757 Come all ye people led by Frances Cooper

Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come now and worship the Lord

Call to worship Psalm 111 Read Responsively

East Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

West *Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.*

East Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

- West** *He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.*
- East** He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- West** *He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.*
- East** The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- West** *They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*
- East** He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
- West** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.*

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Let us delight in the works of the Lord
And sing and shout our praises for all the things God has done for us.
God is gracious and merciful
And keeps His promises for ever and ever.

We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts,
as a community here in Edinburgh.
God's words are great and we study them carefully,
delighting in every detail.

They are full of honour and majesty
and God's righteousness endures forever.
The Lord is known by wonderful deeds;
gracious and merciful.

God provides for us and keeps God's promises.
God, You are wise,
and sometimes we are foolish.
Instead of listening to You,
we try to solve our own problems and make our own paths.

Jesus, You are the bread of life,
and generously give all that we need,
but sometimes we try to provide for ourselves,
or forget to share Your generosity with others.

Spirit of God, You are faithful, and we are fallible,
forgetting to trust in Your promises.
God, gather us back to Yourself,
set our feet back on Your paths once more
and let us walk in Your footsteps.

And now we say together....

**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.**

Hymn 167 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till my want is o'er
Feed me till my want is o'er

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all thy journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield
Be thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee
I will ever give to thee

New Testament Readings: Ephesians 5:15-20 and John 6:51-58 *Margaret McGregor*

Ephesians 5 v 15 – 20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

St John's Gospel Chapter 6

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Hymn 268 O God of Bethel

O God of Bethel! By whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who through this earthly pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before thy throne of grace:
God of our fathers! Be the God
Of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

O spread thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

Such blessings from thy gracious hand
Our humble prayers implore;
And thou shalt be our chosen God
And portion evermore.

Reflection "Bread that Nourishes"

Piano music *Frances Cooper*

Prayers of the People

Dear God,

be with all children and young people as they start or return to school.

Help them to learn and grow and flourish.

We pray for the teachers, support staff, children and families who are feeling anxious about the new term, knowing that school isn't always an easy place to be.

God of wisdom, guide our paths

Be with the people getting ready for the COP26 Climate conference in just a few months' time.

As the reports are prepared and arrangements made,
give us bold ambition to make the changes we know are necessary
to protect the world You have created.

Let us not lose sight of the need for justice and accountability in decision-making.

God of wisdom, guide our paths

Be in and with our church,

as alongside other churches we grapple with the need for change
and the reality of a future that is going to be very different from our past.

Help us to recognise You at work already in our community
and to be listening for Your whispers of new possibilities
and ways of living out our faith.

God of wisdom, guide our paths. Amen

Hymn 103 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
Sing and praise your God and mine
Great the Lord in love and wisdom
Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls, his comfort know:
Those who fear him find his mercies,
Peace for pain and joy for woe;
Humble hearts are high exalted
Human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
Spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
Grass upon the mountain pastures,
Golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days;
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children-
praise the Lord, all people, praise.

Blessing

As we leave this place, let's not forget:
There is no where we can go where God is not.
Everywhere we go, God goes before us.
From the farthest ocean to the highest mountain,
from the heights of joy to the depths of despair—
wherever we find ourselves, God is already there.
So go in peace,
for we do not go alone.

**And the blessing of almighty God, the father the son and the Holy Spirit be with you
all now and evermore. Amen.**

Piano music *Mary Godden*

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