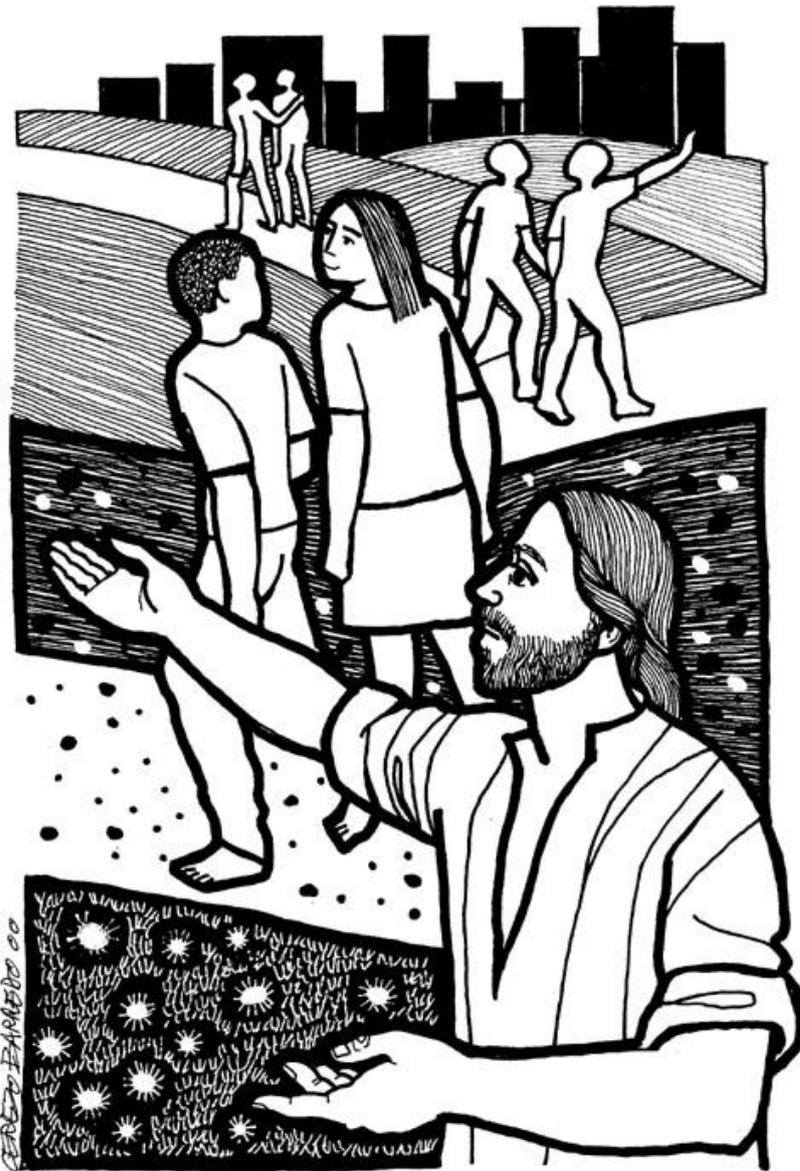


**St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 3 July 2022**

People of 'The Way'



Gathering music

Welcome

Call to worship

Come let us join together
brothers and sisters,
called to worship God,
revealed by Jesus,

present in Spirit.
Come, one and all,
bring only yourself,
for that is all you need.
Come let us sing our songs to God
and listen to God's word.
Let us offer our body, mind and spirit
to the one who made us.
Let us enjoy our time together
as we seek to know more
of the mystery we call God.

Hymn 465 Be Thou my Vision

1. Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
4. Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of Heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Ever-present God, in the quiet of this time set aside to worship you, we give thanks for your never-ending love for us.

We give thanks too for your comfort in times of sorrow and for joys we have experienced in the past.

There are so many uncertainties which threaten to overwhelm us, so much suffering and lack of justice in the world.

All-knowing God, we come before you wherever we are, seeking strength from you and reassurance as we journey through this coming week. Bring us courage to face the challenges before us. Give us grace to accept the setbacks.

Ever-loving God, we are very conscious of our shortcomings. There are times when we are impatient, lacking in understanding, devoting less attention to listening that we could.

We know that we do not always love others as we love ourselves. In the silence we pray for your forgiveness for stepping aside from the example set by your Son, Jesus Christ.

(Silence)

In this season of the Holy Spirit, we rejoice in the knowledge that when we turn to you, we are forgiven. You who are one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help us to continue to walk the path of love, kindness and compassion to all your people.

And so we pray the prayer that Jesus taught, saying 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 21

Lord, teach me all your ways

Psalm 25

Lord, teach me all your ways,
reveal your paths to me;
and lead me in your saving truth,
show me what I should be.

Remember, Lord, your love,
your care from ages past;
and in that love remember me,
in kindness hold me fast.

Forget my youthful faults,
forgive my sinful ways;
within the kindness of your love
remember me always.

God, who is just and good,
shows all who sin his way;
he leads the humble in right paths,
their teacher day by day.

All pathways of the Lord
are kindly true and sure
to those who keep his covenant
and in his ways endure.

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:1-11, 16

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

'Go on your way'

Luke 10:17-20

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

'Return with joy'

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
and also with you

Hymn Fellow Travellers

Is God who made and loves the earth,
who gave each self and star its birth,
convinced that Christians know it all?
Or is that image much too small?

Did Jesus Christ, the faithful Jew,
claim God was fond of just a few,
content to serve a chosen race
and limit heaven's warm embrace?

Did Christ not show immense respect

for those of a less favoured sect,
enjoying, then the faith shone clear;
the faithful other people fear.

God, bless the faith we call our own,
each word we love, each seed you've sown;
yet humble us till we believe
you are much more than we conceive.

Encourage us to look with care
on sacred gifts which others share –
our fellow-travellers led by light,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 252 As a fire is meant for burning

1. As a fire is meant for burning
 with a bright and warming flame,
 so the church is meant for mission,
 giving glory to God's name.
 Preaching Christ and not our customs,
 let us build a bridge of care,
 joining hands across the nations,
 finding neighbours everywhere.

2. We are learners; we are teachers;
 we are pilgrims on the way.
 We are seekers; we are givers;
 we are vessels made of clay.
 By our gentle, loving actions,
 we would show that Christ is light.
 In a humble, listening Spirit,
 we would live to God's delight.

3. As a green bud in the springtime
 is a sign of life renewed,
 so may we be signs of oneness
 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
 As a rainbow lights the heavens
 when a storm is past and gone,
 may our lives reflect the radiance
 of God's new and glorious dawn.

Sending

**May we go out from here
with the conviction of the disciples,
not alone but together
sharing as one body
in God's mission,
God of love.
Send us with enthusiasm,
send us to make a difference,
send us to share and give
of your rich blessing.**

Blessing

Threefold Amen

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