

# St Andrew's, Chesterton

## All-Age Communion

21 January 2024

Third Sunday of Epiphany

---

### We are welcomed

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The service is introduced.*

### We sing

- 1 Rejoice! The Lord is King,  
your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:

- 3 His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:

- 4 He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:

- 5 Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

Reproduced from Hymns Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition, no. 769.  
Words: CHARLES WESLEY (1707–1788); Tune: Gopsal.

### We say sorry

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:  
**Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;**

**bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### We receive God's forgiveness

May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

*Refrain:*  
To God be glory for ever!  
**To God be glory for ever!**  
Alleluia, amen.  
**Alleluia, amen.**  
**Alleluia, amen.**  
**Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**  
*[Refrain]*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**  
*[Refrain]*

### The Collect

**God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### New Testament Reading

*Revelation 19:6-10*

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great  
multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the  
sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,  
'Hallelujah!  
For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.  
<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
 and his bride has made herself ready;  
<sup>8</sup>to her it has been granted to be clothed  
 with fine linen, bright and pure'—  
 for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.  
<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those  
 who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'  
 And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.'  
<sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said  
 to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with  
 you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus.  
 Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of  
 prophecy.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading - John 2.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
 John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,  
 and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his  
 disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When  
 the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They  
 have no wine.' <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what  
 concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet  
 come.' <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever  
 he tells you.' <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone  
 water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each  
 holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Fill  
 the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim.  
<sup>8</sup> He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to  
 the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward  
 tasted the water that had become wine, and did not  
 know where it came from (though the servants who had  
 drawn the water knew), the steward called the  
 bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, 'Everyone serves the  
 good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the  
 guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good  
 wine until now.' <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in  
 Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples  
 believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Talk

## Song of response

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!  
 Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!  
 Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!  
 Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!

## We affirm our faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,  
 he did not cling to equality with God,  
 but made himself nothing.  
 Taking the form of a slave,  
 he was born in human likeness.  
 He humbled himself  
 and was obedient to death,  
 even the death of the cross.  
 Therefore God has raised him on high,  
 and given him the name above every name:  
 that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bow,  
 and every voice proclaim  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
 for the sake of your Son,  
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
 Amen.**

## The Peace

God is love  
 and those who live in love live in God  
 and God lives in them.  
 The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



A collection for the ministry and mission of St  
 Andrew's will be taken at this point of the service.  
 Thank you to all who give to the life of our church  
 in so many ways.

It is also possible to make electronic donations via  
 the machines at the back or this QR code here.

## Offertory Hymn

- 1 Bread is blessed and broken,  
 wine is blessed and poured:  
 take this and remember  
 Christ the Lord.
- 2 Share the food of heaven  
 earth cannot afford.  
 Here is grace in essence —  
 Christ the Lord.
- 3 Know yourself forgiven,  
 find yourself restored,  
 meet a friend for ever —

Christ the Lord.

- 4 God has kept his promise  
sealed by sign and word:  
here, for those who want him —  
Christ the Lord.

Reproduced from *Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition*, number 429. JOHN L. BELL (b. 1949) and GRAHAM MAULE (b. 1958) Words and Music: From Love From Below, 1989. © 1989, WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow G2 3DH Scotland.

## Eucharistic Prayer

*In the following Eucharistic Prayer, the responses include children repeating a word by the President, then everyone repeating the children. See where indicated.*

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator, loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.  
You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

*President: Holy*  
*Children: Holy*  
**Everyone: Holy**

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

*President: Holy*  
*Children: Holy*  
**Everyone: Holy**

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and say:

*President: Holy*  
*Children: Holy*  
**Everyone: Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.  
**Jesus Christ has died.**  
Jesus Christ is risen.  
**Jesus Christ is risen.**  
Jesus Christ will come again.  
**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

*President: Amen*  
*Children: Amen*  
**Everyone: Amen**

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

*President: Amen*  
*Children: Amen*  
**Everyone: Amen**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

*President: Amen*  
*Children: Amen*  
**Everyone: Amen**

*We kneel and keep a moment's silence*

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body, because  
we all share in one bread.**

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion. Visitors who are communicant members of their home churches are welcome to receive communion at St Andrew's. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please signify this by bringing your order of service with you.*

*There will be two communion stations – one at the Nave altar (for receiving the bread dipped in the wine), and one at the South Aisle altar (for receiving the bread and the wine separately), and for kneeling – if that is your preference.*

## Music during Communion

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,  
For to worship God with, this happy New Year.

*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,  
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,  
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.

New Year Carol by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Now the silence, now the peace,  
Now the empty hands uplifted;  
Now the kneeling, now the plea,  
Now the Father's arms in welcome;  
Now the hearing, now the power,  
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring;  
Now the body, now the blood,  
Now the joyful celebration;  
Now the wedding, now the songs,  
Now the heart forgiven, leaping;  
Now the Spirit's visitation,  
Now the Son's epiphany;  
Now the Father's blessing, Now, now, now.

Music: Carl Schalk (1929-2021); Words: Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008)

## We pray after Communion

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies**

**to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## We share news

### We sing

- 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us:  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light!*

- 2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:  
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,...

- 3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:  
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,...

Reproduced from Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition, number 719 Words  
and Music: © 1987, Graham Kendrick (b. 1950) / Make Way Music Ltd, PO Box 320,  
Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN2 9DE UK. <[www.grahamkendrick.co.uk](http://www.grahamkendrick.co.uk)>

## Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in  
believing; and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*We very much hope you have enjoyed joining us for worship  
at St Andrew's Chesterton this morning. If you are new or  
visiting, please do introduce yourself and stay for  
refreshments in the St Andrew's Hall, behind the church.*

**Copyright acknowledgement (where not already indicated  
above):**

Some material included in this service is copyright: © 1989 National  
Council of the Churches of Christ, USA © The Archbishops' Council  
2000-04. Copyright hymns are reproduced under CCLI Licence no. 30093,  
and One Licence 632880-A.