

# St Andrew's, Chesterton Family Service

4 February 2024  
Second Sunday before Lent

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## We are welcomed

God is good  
**all the time.**  
All the time  
**God is good.**

## We Sing

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy never ceasing  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my Lord's unchanging love!

2 Here I find my greatest treasure:  
hither by thy help I've come,  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 O, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it from thy courts above!

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## We say sorry

Christ came in humility to share our lives:  
forgive our pride.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people:  
forgive our silence.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:  
forgive our self-centredness.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## We hear of 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.**

## We pray the Collect Prayer together

**Almighty God,**  
**give us reverence for all creation**  
**and respect for every person,**  
**that we may mirror your likeness**  
**in Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## Bible Reading

*John 1:1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Talk

## We sing

- 1 Word that formed creation, earth and sea and sky;  
Word that brings salvation, Word that will not die;  
speak now in us that we might hear your call;  
Living Word of Jesus, sound within us all.
- 2 Love that formed and named us,  
filled this clay with breath;  
Love that seeks and claims us, Love beyond all death;  
come now and fire the life that flows from you;  
Love that raised up Jesus, raise us up anew.
- 3 Song of joy and wonder, sound so wild and free;  
voice of wind and thunder, boundless as the sea;  
Music of God, the love that casts out fear;  
Song that sang in Jesus, sing within us here.
- 4 God of all creation, form our hearts anew;  
God of our salvation, lead us home to you;  
Spirit, inspire our hearts to hear your call;  
living God of Jesus, come renew us all!

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(b.1939)

## We say what we believe

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## We pray together

*Our prayers end with*

**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.**

## We share news

### We sing

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good He is above all things,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing Praise, Sing Praise, Sing Praise, Sing Praise

Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever (x 2)

From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing Praise, Sing Praise, Sing Praise, Sing Praise

Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever (x 2)

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### We share the Peace

*We are invited to form a circle around the church and sing*  
Go now in peace, go now in peace  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere  
You may go.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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