

# St Andrew's, Chesterton Family Service

**I September 2024  
14th Sunday after Trinity**

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## We are welcomed

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

## We Sing

(to the tune of Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

- 1 Living God, your word has called us,  
summoned us to live by grace,  
make us one in hope and vision,  
as we gather in this place.  
Take our searching, take our praising,  
take the silence of our prayer,  
offered up in joyful worship,  
springing from the love we share.
- 2 Living God, your love has called us  
in the name of Christ your Son,  
forming us to be his body,  
by your Spirit making one.  
Working, laughing, learning, growing,  
old and young and black and white,  
gifts and skills together sharing,  
in your service all unite.
- 3 Living God, your hope has called us  
to the world that you have made,  
teaching us to live for others,  
humble, joyful, unafraid.  
Give us eyes to see your presence,  
joy in laughter, hope in pain.  
In our loving, in our living,  
give us strength that Christ may reign.

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## We say sorry

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

## We hear of God's forgiveness

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## We pray the Collect Prayer together

**Merciful God, your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Bible Reading

*Mark 7:1-2, 5-8. 14-15, 21-23*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' <sup>6</sup> He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

<sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

<sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

## Talk

## We sing

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.

Uya-i mose, tinamate Mwari  
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Uya-i mose, tinamate Mwari  
Uya-i mose zvino

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1 Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold and precious silver.  
Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.  
I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Master,  
ready to do your will.*

2 Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from within and make me holy.  
Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire...*

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## 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

Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
And He holds us in His hands (x2)

He's higher than a skyscraper  
And He's deeper than a submarine  
He's wider than the universe  
And beyond my wildest dreams  
And He's known me and He's loved me  
Since before the world began  
How wonderful to be a part of  
God's amazing plan!

Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
And He holds us in His hands (x2)

He's higher than a skyscraper...

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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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*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 church.*

*There will be a short celebration of Communion after refreshments, beginning c. 11.15am. All welcome to stay.*