

St Andrew's, Chesterton All-Age Communion

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The Sunday next before Lent

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The Choir sing as we gather: God Be in My Head

Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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

(Sung to the tune of The Church's One Foundation)

1 Light of the minds that know him,
may Christ be light to mine!
my sun in risen splendour,
my light of truth divine;
my guide in doubt and darkness,
my true and living way,
my clear light ever shining,
my dawn of heaven's day.

2 Life of the souls that love him,
may Christ be ours indeed!
the living bread from heaven
on whom our spirits feed;
who died for love of sinners
to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's brief journey
a new Emmaus road.

3 Strength of the wills that serve him,
may Christ be strength to me,
who stilled the storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea;
his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.

4 May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our strength, our life, our light.

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We say sorry

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in
darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We receive 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.

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]

We pray the Collect Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to
glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.'¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17.1-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

Talk

We sing what we believe

1. We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.
2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.
3. We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.

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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.

Reading of Banns

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.



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Offertory Hymn

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Chorus: *Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! ...
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light! ...
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light! ...
5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! ...

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Eucharistic Prayer

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in
glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes
in the name, he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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 (which is the only place that offers the option to receive the bread dipped in the wine by the priest), and one at the South Aisle altar to kneel – if that is your preference.

Music during Communion: Christ upon the mountain peak

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Praise, I will praise you Lord (Je louerai l'Eternel'

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We pray after Communion

**Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change
and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

We share news

We sing

1. We're going to shine like the sun
in the kingdom of heaven,
shine like the sun
in the kingdom of heaven;
we're going to shine like the sun
in the kingdom of heaven
and no one will ever be the same.

And it's all in Jesus' name;
and it's all in Jesus' name;
yes it's all in Jesus' name;
that no one will ever be the same.

2. We're going to learn from the poor
in the kingdom of heaven,
learn from the poor
in the kingdom of heaven;
we're going to learn from the poor
in the kingdom of heaven
and no one will ever be the same.

And it's all in Jesus' name...

3. We're going to walk with the weak
in the kingdom of heaven,
walk with the weak
in the kingdom of heaven;
we're going to walk with the weak
in the kingdom of heaven
and no one will ever be the same.

And it's all in Jesus' name...

4. We're going to drink new wine
in the kingdom of heaven,
drink new wine
in the kingdom of heaven;
we're going to drink new wine
in the kingdom of heaven
and no one will ever be the same.

And it's all in Jesus' name...

5. And it all starts now
in the kingdom of heaven,
it all starts now
in the kingdom of heaven;
we're going to all start now
in the kingdom of heaven
and no one will ever be the same.

And it's all in Jesus' name...

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Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain 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.