

St Andrew's, Chesterton Family Service

**I March 2026
Second Sunday of Lent**

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A collection will **not** be taken during this service.

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We are welcomed

God is good
all the time.
All the time
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The service is introduced.

We Sing

1. Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory
2. Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief
3. Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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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 hear of God's forgiveness

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

We pray the Collect Prayer together

**Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into
the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Bible Reading: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Talk

We sing

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path*

1 When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

2 I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

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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

1. Christ be in my waking
As the sun is rising
In my day of working
With me ev'ry hour.
Christ be in my resting
As the day is ending
Calming and refreshing
Watching through the night.

2. Christ be in my thinking
And my understanding
Guarding me from evil
Walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking
Every word a blessing
Pure and not deceiving
Grace to all who hear.

*Chorus: Jesus this is my devotion
All my life to know You
Ev'ry day to walk with You.
Saviour You're my deepest longing
You're the One I live for
Teach me Lord to walk with You.*

3. Christ be in my gladness
For the joy of living
Thankful for the goodness
Of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow
In my day of darkness
Knowing that I follow
In the steps He trod.

4. Christ when hope has faded
Nothing left to cling to
Every pleasure jaded
Every well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd
Draws me with His kindness
Leads me from the desert
To the streams of life.
Jesus this is my devotion...

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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.

*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 immediately after the service.*