



St Andrew's

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2nd Sunday of Epiphany **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** **18th January 2026**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Sharon Crofts

Preacher: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Deacon: Tom Nettey

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Officiant: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Welcome to St Andrew's - may God's peace be with you

After the service, please feel free to stay for refreshments—a chance for us all to get to know each other better.

If you have felt something special in this service and want to talk about faith, have a chat with one of the clergy or ministers after the service.

The service sheet gives directions on when to stand or kneel, but please feel free to remain sitting if you prefer. Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; you will find a link to online giving with the offertory hymn.

Prelude

The president welcomes the congregation with any notices

The Gathering

Introit

Sung by the choir

Behold the Lamb of God *Handel*

Please stand

Opening Hymn

312: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

The Greeting

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

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

All And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

Our Lord Jesus Christ says,
'A new commandment I give you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.'
Let us confess to almighty God
our failure to accept his love
and to share it with others.

A brief time of quiet is kept.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us
to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Gloria

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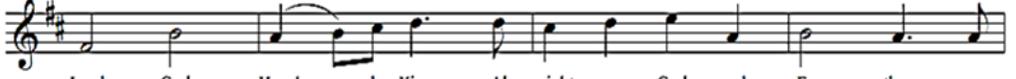


Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

VERSE 1



Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

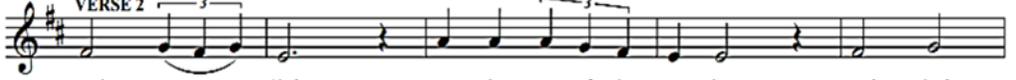


Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

VERSE 2



Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,

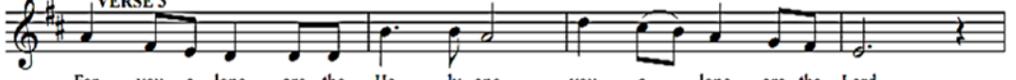


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are



sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

VERSE 3



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

The Collect

The president says

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your apostles,
‘Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you’:
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;
where you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, ‘You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’
But I said, ‘I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.’

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—

he says,

‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
‘Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’

For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

45 I: Just as I am, without one plea

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

‘May all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,
may they also be in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me,’
says the Lord.

John 17.21

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(1.29-42)

We sing together:



The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and

said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephass' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together



Please sit

Sermon

The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Please stand

The Creed

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Please sit

Intercessions

This or another response may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, David, S.M, Faith F, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Sue P, Carol S, Elizabeth I.

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.'
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant it that peace and unity
which is according to your will.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace with those around us

Offertory Hymn

422: Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

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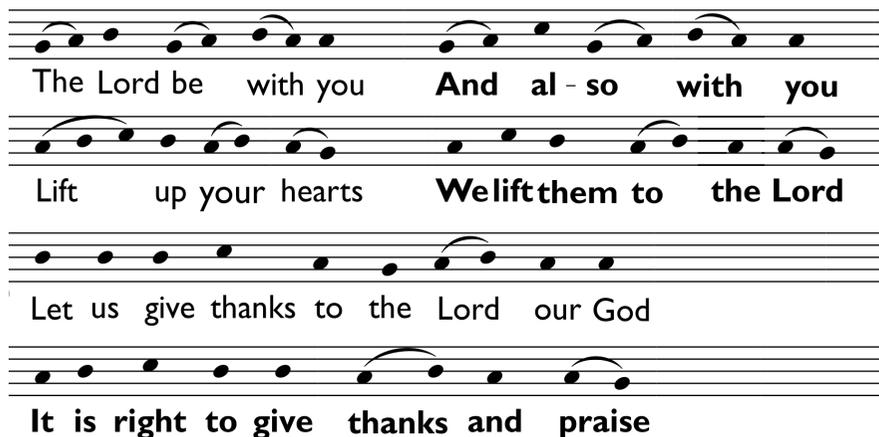
The Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing, the president says

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **And** al - so with you
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

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
By him, your only Son,
who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism
we might become his body.

Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.

Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.

And so, with steadfast love,
we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus

We sing together



we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Invitation to Communion

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

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

Agnus Dei

We sing together



Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cy on us. Lamb of



God, you take a way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Holy Communion will be administered at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or a gluten free host please indicate this to the ministers.

Communion Hymn

420:According to thy gracious word

Communion Anthem

The Lamb *Tavener*

Post Communion Prayers

Eternal God and Father,
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal
glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All 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**

The Dismissal

Please stand

Recessional Hymn

494: I, the Lord of sea and sky

During this hymn the ministers process to the back of church.

The Blessing

The president blesses the people, saying

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
three persons in one God,
inspire you to live as one,
that you may witness to the perfect unity of his love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Deacon says

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary

News and Notices

Any item to be included should be with the office by Wednesday, 12noon.

The Children's Society It has been another successful year as we collected over £700 .A thank you poster from the Children's Society is at the back of church. Sadly we have lost some of our collectors and I am hoping to recruit more people. It involves having a box from me into which you put any loose change - or more if you wish! It is surprising how much it can amount to at the end of the year and is for a very good cause! Please see me for more information. Marion

The Second Annual Rex Pogson Lecture will take place in church on the afternoon of Saturday 28th February. We are delighted that it will be delivered by the countertenor, Patrick Craig, Director of Aurora Nova Choir, on the subject of Angels. Full details will follow shortly, but please save the date.

Rugby Revive is Rugby's ecumenical partnership of churches across the town. A Commissioning Service for new volunteers across a wide range of ministries, from Street Pastors to CAP Debt Counselling, will take place at Rugby Baptist Church on Sunday 25th January at 6.30pm. Please keep them in your prayers, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from the 18th to the 25th January, and if you'd like to find out more about the work the Rugby churches do together, visit reviverugby.net or talk to one of the clergy.

Praying for the Persecuted Church. Each year an organisation called Open Doors evaluates the fifty countries where Christians face the most severe persecution for their faith. This year these are the top ten: North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Eritrea, Syria, Nigeria, Pakistan, Libya and Iran. Please do keep in your prayers our fellow members in the Body of Christ, as they face persecution, violence and discrimination.

Church Mice Stay and Play Group



Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrew's. 10-11.30am Fridays (term time) for ages 0-4 years and it's free. Please spread the news where you can. Volunteers are warmly welcome, have a chat with Lydia, Joyce or Heather for more information. Thank you.

Diary for the week 19th - 24th January

Café open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-12noon

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting & crochet drop-in group
 6.30pm St A's Community Singers
 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Reflective Eucharist
 1.00pm Lunchtime concert
 2.00pm Bereavement Point

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Pastoral Group meeting
 12.00pm Eucharist
 5.00pm Young Choristers
 7.00pm Women's Circle Support

Thursday

9.00am *No Morning Prayer*
 6.00pm Holy Communion
 7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Church Mice
 10.00am Big Table Gospel Group

Saturday

Sunday 25th January

*3rd of Epiphany
 Conversion of Paul*

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 10.30am Choral Eucharist
 12.30pm PCC meeting
 6.00pm Choral Evensong

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