



St Andrew's Church

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The Sunday after Ascension Day 17th May 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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

Deacon : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Officiant : The Rev'd Alison Baxter

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.

Prelude

The president welcomes the congregation with any notices

The Gathering

Introit

Sung by the choir

Come Holy Ghost Attwood

Please stand

Opening Hymn

422 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2.9,10

A brief time of quiet is kept.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
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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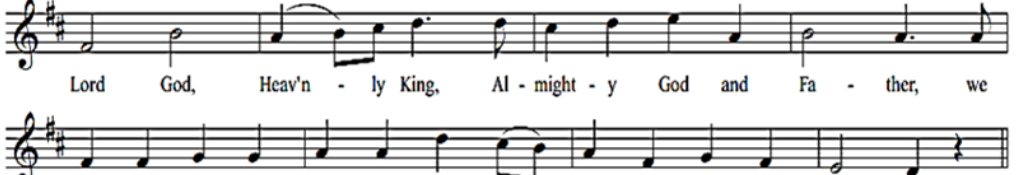


Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God. Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

VERSE 1



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



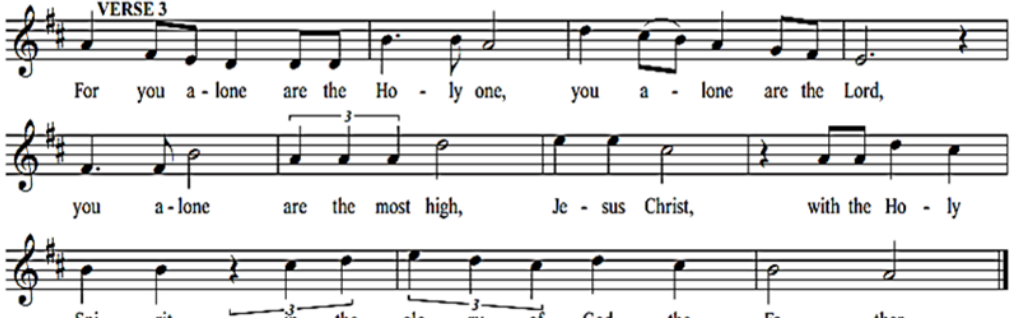
Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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.

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

A reading from Acts of the Apostles 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked the risen Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together



Please sit

Sermon

The Rector

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: 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, Patricia T, David P,
In Memoriam: The Rev'd Pamela Gould, Peter Long

The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

cf Galatians 5.22,23

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

453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

This link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:



The Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing, the president says

Father, by your Holy Spirit
you keep the Church in unity and truth.
As we break bread together,
may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,
now and for ever.

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

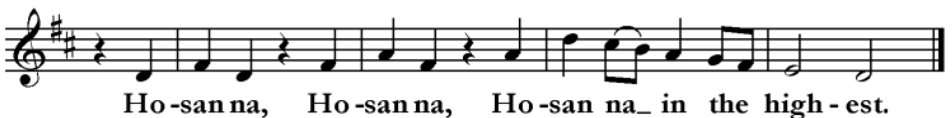
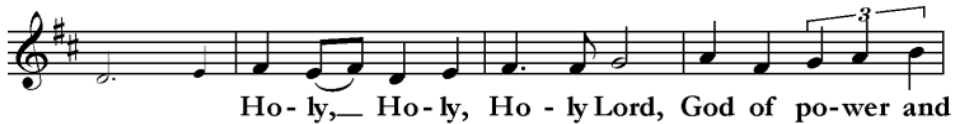
It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 For he is our great high priest
 who has entered once for all
 into the heavenly sanctuary,
 evermore to pour upon your Church
 the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
 He is the one who has gone before us,
 who calls us to be united in prayer
 as were his disciples in the upper room
 while they awaited his promised gift,
 the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
 Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
 as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus

We sing together



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung, The Deacon then says:

Great is the mystery of faith

We sing together



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole
world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,

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.**

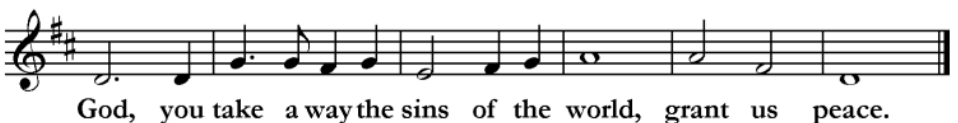
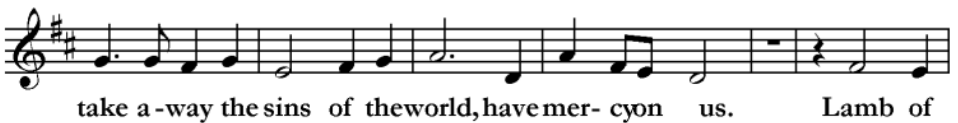
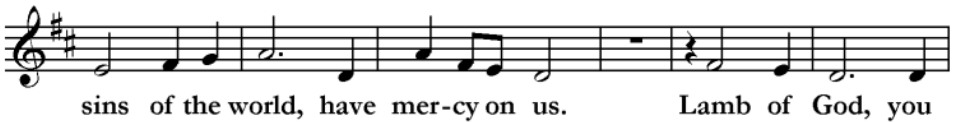
Invitation to Communion

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



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

473: You, living Christ, our eyes behold

Communion Anthem

704 Let all the world in every corner sing *Vaughan Williams*

Post Communion Prayers

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of
God;
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 Revd Pam Gould. Pam's funeral service will take place at St Andrew's on Friday 22nd May at 1pm—all are of course welcome

APCM. The adjourned financial business from last Sunday's APCM will take place at 12noon next Sunday. The 2026 annual report and accounts are available from the office in electronic or hard copy.

Helen Bryant. We're delighted that Helen Bryant will be ordained deacon at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 28th June 2026. She will be serving her curacy part-time in our neighbouring parishes of St Peter with St John and St George's, Rugby, whilst continuing to work as a Chaplain at Rugby School. Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers - we will share further details of the ordination arrangements in due course.

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

Bereavement Point 2pm - 3.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (plus the 5th if there is one!). Opportunity for group conversation and relationship building where everyone is welcome and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>

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.

The St Andrew's 100 Club There is still time to join our 40 previous illustrious prize winners; Application Forms are available

from John or Helen - with tickets priced at £25 each per annum and there is no limit as to the number of tickets you may hold, with payment accepted by Cheque or Standing Order. To Ticket Holders who paid by Standing Order for last year 2025 / 26 and you selected a one off payment, please consider re-joining and pick up an Application Form and renew your Standing Order. Our first year raised £1225 for Church and this initiative is a way to support the work of the Church while having the opportunity to win a prize, with the prize draws taking place on the first Sunday of each Month, for the preceding month. You've Got To Be In It To Win It.

Recycling Update A further box of candles was sent for recycling on 8 April weighing 4.5Kg meaning since we started candle recycling on 2 April 2025 we have sent 163.95Kg for recycling and saved from going to landfill. Thank you for your support of this and our other recycling initiatives.

Journeying in Faith with Children, Sunday 7th June

12noon. A time for parents, grandparents and members of the congregation to explore ways of supporting—and learning from—children of all ages in their journey of faith. Light Lunch & Children's activities provided. Please take one of the forms at the back of church and let us know if you're coming.

Summer Concert on Saturday 27th June at 4pm in church there will be a celebratory summer concert, inspired by the legacy of Rex Pogson. Entry is free and generous donations are encouraged to support Myton Hospice and our Peace Garden project. The Peace Garden, established in Rex's memory, will contain a memorial to Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, 'Woodbine Willie', the famous Great War Chaplain, who was curate of St Andrew's from 1910-1912—more details are available on a separate leaflet.

Diary for the week 18th - 24th May

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

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting &
crochet drop-in group
10.30am Art with Aish
6.30pm Community Singers
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
12.00pm Midday Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.00pm Women's Circle group

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Big Table Gospel group
6.00pm Eucharist
7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Church Mice



Saturday

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12noon APCM Financial Business
12.30pm PCC meeting
6.00pm Choral Evensong

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or this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online



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