

St Andrew's Church, Bedford



**Eucharist
Patronal Festival**

Welcome!

It is our pleasure to welcome you here today.

You can use this booklet to follow the service. The following symbols will help you to stand, sit or kneel at the times which are usual in this church; if you find it more comfortable to sit throughout, please do so.



The numbers of today's hymns can be found on the hymn boards or inside today's pew sheet. We welcome donations to support the ministry of St Andrew's. You will find a contactless giving machine at the back of Church, or alternatively you may like to give cash in the bowl. UK tax payers are encouraged to complete a yellow Gift Aid envelope to enhance the value of their gift.

For Younger Worshippers

Our children's groups meet during term time. Children are very welcome to the group for games, stories, crafts and prayer. The children go out to the Church Centre during the first hymn and rejoin us in Church during the Peace. You are encouraged to sit with your children in the pews in the main part of the Church, and are welcome to use the area at the back should you have a buggy, or if your child needs to move around or to find a book or activity. The Quiet Room is available should you wish to step out of the main service for a little while. It is found through the door at the end of the left hand aisle; the service can be relayed through a speaker.



Notices



Opening Hymn

Towards the end of this hymn, our children and young people leave for their group time.



The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord 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.**



Lighting the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call

and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,

a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

for you are our light and our salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**



Confession

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us
to go out and bear fruit:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us
to be your faithful witnesses:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**



Kyrie

All **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



Absolution

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**



Collect

Almighty God,
 who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew
 that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ
 and brought his brother with him:
 call us by your holy word,
 and give us grace to follow you without delay
 and to tell the good news of your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**



Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10
 Romans 10.12-18

At the end of each reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual Hymn



Gospel Reading

Matthew 4.18-22

Alleluia, Alleluia
 I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All **Alleluia.**

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

All ♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All ♪ **Praise to you O Christ.**

All ♪ **Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.
 Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**



Sermon



Creed

All **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.**



Intercessions

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

At the end

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



The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange the Peace by shaking hands or other means by which you feel comfortable, saying 'Peace be with you.'



Offertory Hymn

During this hymn, the altar is prepared, the bread and wine are brought up, and the children return to join their parents in the pews.



Eucharistic Prayer

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostle Andrew.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

All **♪ His spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **♪ We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **♪ It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.
And so with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:



All ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All ♪ **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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 St Andrews and 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 Lord's Prayer

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**



All **♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of 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.**

You are very welcome to receive the bread and wine with us today if you have been confirmed or prepared for Communion in any Christian denomination; if you would prefer to receive a blessing, come to altar rail, bringing this service book with you. Please stand at the altar rail rather than kneeling if you are more comfortable, or let someone know at the door if you need us to bring bread and wine to you.

We offer the Common Cup if you wish to receive the wine. Please note that we are not allowed to intinct (dunk the wafer into the chalice.)



Communion Hymns

Anthem



Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**



Dedication of the Centenary Cross

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12: 1-2

Almighty God,
to whose glory we dedicate this Centenary cross,
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who have worshipped you here
over the past hundred years,
and those who will worship here in the years to come:
as we gaze on this cross, so may we know that
it was for our sins Christ that was lifted high upon the cross,
that he might draw the whole world to himself;
and, by his suffering and death,
became the source of eternal salvation
for all who put their trust in him.
So we bless this cross to your glory,
and in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**



Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with St Andrew and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



Hymn

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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Please join us after the service as we enjoy
fellowship and refreshments
in the Main Hall.

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