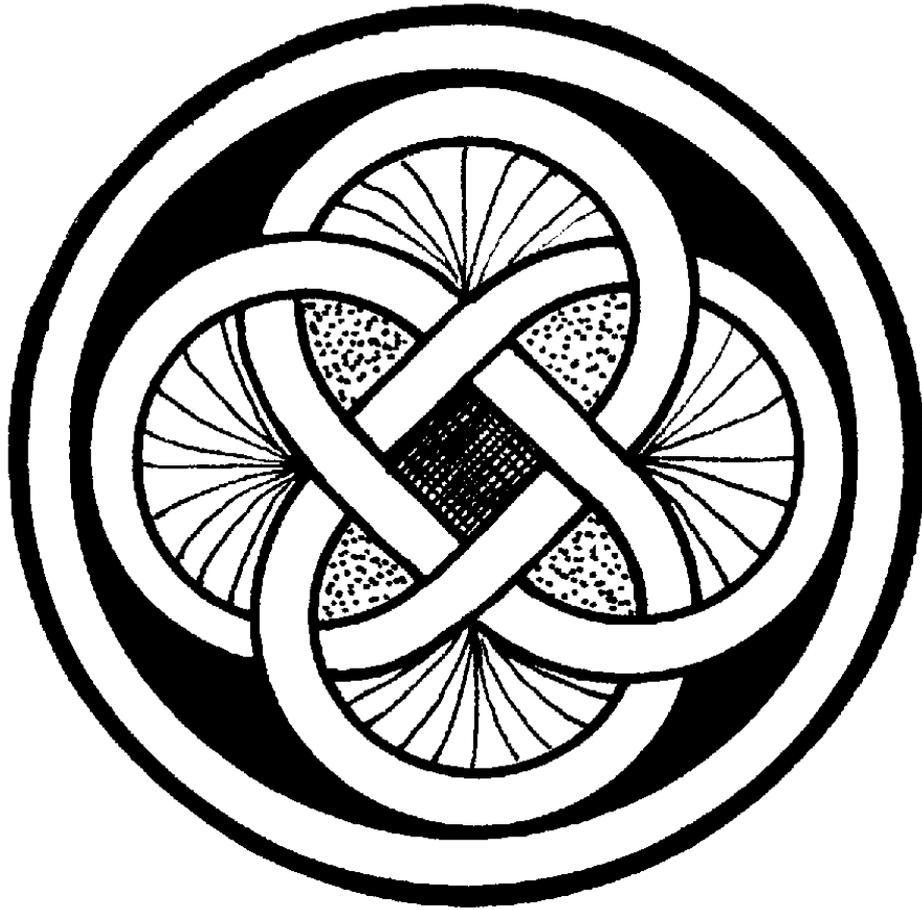


St Andrew's Church, Bedford

COMMON WORSHIP



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*Please stand at the entry of the choir and ministers.*

*Please sit (if the choir sings an introit).*

## **Introit**

*Please stand*

## **Hymn**

*The minister reads a sentence from the scriptures and introduces the confession.*

*Afterwards, please sit or kneel.*

## **The Confession**

*All* **Almighty and most merciful Father;  
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought  
to have done;  
And we have done those things which we ought not  
to have done;  
And there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders;  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
According to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;  
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,  
and sober life,  
To the glory of thy holy Name.  
Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

*A priest stands and says (or layperson says the collect for Trinity 21).*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*All* **Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Responses**

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*All* **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

*All* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost.

**All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**All The Lord's Name be praised.**

### **The Psalm**

*The words of the Psalm appointed can be found on a separate printed sheet or towards the back of The Book of Common Prayer.*

*Please sit*

### **The First Lesson**

*At the end:*

Here endeth the first lesson.      *or* This is the word of the Lord.

*(No response)*

**All Thanks be to God.**

*After a moment of silence, please stand for the Office Hymn*

### **Office Hymn**

*Please remain standing when the Magnificat is chanted congregationally, or sit for a choral setting, standing at the end for the Gloria.*

### **Magnificat**

- 1 My soul doth / magnify • the / Lord:  
and my spirit hath re- / joiced in / God my / Saviour.
- 2 For he / hath re- / garded:  
the / lowli • ness / of his / handmaiden.
- 3 For be- / hold from / henceforth:  
all gener- / ations • shall / call me / blessèd.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath / magni • fied / me:  
and / holy / is his / Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on / them that / fear him:  
through- / out all / gener- / ations.
- 6 He hath shewed / strength with • his / arm:  
he hath scattered the proud,  
in the imagin- / ation / of their / hearts.



## The Apostles' Creed

*All* I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried,  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen.

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

Lord have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ have mercy upon us.**

Lord have mercy upon us.



## The Lord's Prayer

*All* **Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil: Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*All* **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

*All* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*All* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

*All* **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*All* **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*All* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## The Collect for the day

### The Second Collect

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **The Anthem**

### **The Sermon**

*Please stand*

### **Hymn**

*Please sit or kneel*

### **Prayers**

*Please stand*

### **Hymn**

*During this hymn a collection may be taken.*

*Please remain standing*

### **The Blessing**

*This, or another prayer, is used (or layperson leads The Grace).*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

*Please remain standing until the choir and ministers have departed.*

