



St Andrew's, Bedford

# All Age Worship

## 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

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### Greeting

The Lord be with you  
and also with you!

### Reading

Romans 4: 4-8

*At the end*

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### Song

Heads and shoulders, knees and toes,  
clap your hands and praise him.  
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose,  
clap you hands and praise him.  
Let everything within me praise God's holy name.  
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### Confession

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'  
As sisters and brothers in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world  
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Collect**

Almighty God, you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn**

God the Creator (SASP 59)

## **Talk**

## **Creed**

**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**

## Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace (SASPI35)

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Commissioning

*Elisabeth* Lucy, on behalf of the people of God at St Andrew's, I ask you to commission these people as leaders of ministry with children and young people in this parish.

*Edith* Do you believe that God has called you to this ministry?

*Leaders* **We do.**

*Edith* Will you pray for our children and young people, and share this ministry with Elisabeth, Lucy, Joseph and the whole team?

*Leaders* **With the help of God, we will.**

*Edith* Will you seek to develop the gifts God has given you as you share in Christ's mission and ministry?

*Leaders* **With the help of God, we will.**

*Lucy* As Incumbent, I commission you as leaders of ministry with children and young people in this Parish, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God grant you grace, wisdom and joy as you live out this calling.

*All* **Amen.**

*Elisabeth* Children and young people, will you work with these leaders, wondering, exploring and learning about God together?

*YP:* **With the help of God, we will.**

*Edith* These leaders have been called to the work of ministry with children and young people in this Parish. Will you, as the people of God at St Andrew's, support and pray for them in this ministry?

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

*Edith* People of God at St Andrew's, Jesus invites each of us to know and follow him. We are all called to different ministries depending on the gifts God has given us. As we commission these leaders for their ministry today, will all of you here renew your commitment to love and serve God, to encourage each other another and to use your gifts in the world.

*All* **With the help of God, we will.**

**Hymn** Jesus put a song (SASP 109)

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**