



St Andrew's, Bedford

All Age Worship

7th August 2022

Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you!

Opening Hymn

My God is so big

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
there's nothing my God cannot do.
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The rivers are his,
the mountains are his,
the stars are his handiwork too.
My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty
there's nothing my God cannot do.

Confession

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

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

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

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

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

Amen.

Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading

Luke 12: 35 – 38

Jesus said 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection

Hymn

Longing for light

SASP 125

Talk

Prayers

Wait for the Lord

SASP 187

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.

Hymn

Seek ye first

SASP 166

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**

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
through the power of the Holy Spirit;
and may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with us all today and always.

Amen

Dismissal

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