



ST ANDREW THE GREAT

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5.00pm, 22nd March 2020

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Welcome

Tom Hutchings

Opening Prayer

Together: **We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.**

**O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.** (Psalm 51:15)
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us. (Psalm 70:1)
Amen.

Song

All creatures of our God and king,
lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by his blood,
Come and rejoice in his great love.
O praise him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on him.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and king.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

W.H. Draper.

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Prayers beginning with a prayer of confession:

Together: **Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us, so that we might live forever in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Based on Hosea 6) Leader: But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

Titus 3:4-5 NIV

The Lord's Prayer

Together: **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.**

Song

Though troubles assail

And dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail
And foes all unite;
Yet one thing secures us,
Whatever betide,
The scripture assures us,
The Lord will provide.

The birds without barn
Or storehouse are fed,
From them let us learn
To trust for our bread:
His saints, what is fitting,
Shall ne'er be denied,
So long as 'tis written,
The Lord will provide.

*The Lord provides;
On this we can rely.
The Lord provides;
He's always by our side.*

We may, like the ships,
By tempest be tossed
On perilous deeps,
But cannot be lost.
Though Satan enrages
The wind and the tide,
The promise engages:
The Lord will provide.

The Lord provides ...

No strength of our own,
Or goodness we claim,
Yet since we have known
The Saviour's great name;
In this our strong tower
For safety we hide,
The Lord is our power,
The Lord will provide.

*The Lord provides;
On this we can rely.
The Lord provides;
He's always by our side.*

His call we obey
Like Abram of old,
Not knowing our way,
But faith makes us bold;
For though we are strangers
We have a good Guide,
And trust in all dangers
The Lord will provide.

When life sinks apace
And death is in view,
This word of his grace
Shall comfort us through:
No fearing or doubting
With Christ on our side,
We hope to die shouting,
The Lord will provide.

The Lord provides ...

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Readings Genesis 3:21-24

21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22 And the LORD God said, 'The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live for ever.' 23 So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

1 John 1:1-4

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete.

Sermon

The joy of fellowship with God

Christopher Ash

Song

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say to you than he has said,
to all who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

In every condition—in sickness, in health,
in poverty's grip or abounding in wealth,
at home or abroad, on the land, on the sea—
as days may demand shall your strength ever be.

Since Jesus is with you, do not be afraid;
since he is your God, you need not be dismayed:
he'll strengthen you, guard you, and cause you to stand,

upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.
When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
his grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flames shall not harm you: his only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
he will not, he cannot, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
he'll never, no never, no never forsake!

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Discussion questions

1. How have you experienced the breaking or troubling of human togetherness - in relationships, by sickness, above all through death?
2. Have you experienced in a church the joyful fellowship with God and others that holds out hope in the face even of death?

At 6.30pm this evening Travs (14-18s) are meeting by Zoom - <https://zoom.us/download>

This week and beyond

Our midweek groups will continue to meet where possible by video-conferencing or Skype. These include MEMBS (Men's Early Morning Bible Study), Morning Groups, International Women's Bible Study, HUB, iHUB, Homegroups, WEMBS (Women's Early Morning Bible Study), Pathfinders (10-14s) and Travs (14-18s). Group leaders will send instructions on how to join the sessions and keep in touch.

If you are experiencing any difficulties due to illness or self-isolation, such as collecting prescriptions or getting to the shops to pick up groceries, please contact your small group or call the church office on 01223 518218 and we will put you in touch with someone who can help.

To join our **Electoral Roll** (membership list), please go to stag.org/electoralroll by **Wednesday 25th March**.

We plan to livestream Easter Services at 10.00am on Good Friday (Fri 10th April) and 10.00am and 5.00pm on Easter Sunday (Sun 12th April).

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