



The Parish Church of

St. John's and
St. Andrew's
at Waterloo



Sunday 9am Service

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Opening Responses

In the beginning
when it was very quiet,
the Word was with God.

And what God was the Word was.

In the beginning
when it was very dark,
God said, 'Let there be light.'
and there was light.

When the time was right
God sent the Son
who came among us.
He was one of us.

We keep silence

Hymn

Prayer

God of justice, mercy and truth,
we gather in your presence,
aware of it in all creation –
where the warmth of the sun, the strength of the wind,
the energy of the waves, the stability of the earth
all remind us of your constant love
and your power to change and challenge our lives.

God of justice, mercy and truth,
we gather in your presence,
aware that in our world
there is one law for the rich and one for the poor,
that the scales are weighted against many
of our sisters and brothers,
and against new nations struggling to become,
and to find a balance.

God of justice, mercy and trust,
we gather in your presence,
aware of our own lives –
individually and in community –
where they measure up,
where they fall short,
where they are out of kilter –
as your plumb line shows us what is true.

**Help us to be true to ourselves,
true to our history,
true to our own story,
true to you.
Amen.**

The First Reading

Before the reading, the reader says

Listen now in the reading of scripture for the word and wisdom of God.

And at the end of the reading

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God,
who made the sun and the sky, the stars and the sea,
who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who became human
who healed the sick
who talked to children
who made friends with sinners.
He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death and
resurrection.
His light continues to shine in the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires the scriptures
and whose breath we breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another
offering a welcome to everyone
old and young
rich and poor
strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers
workers for justice
brothers and sisters
a light for our world.
Amen.**

The Gospel Reading

Before the reading, the reader says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to . . .
Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

Each prayer ends with the response

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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

Closing Responses

Creator of all,
Saviour of all,
Spirit of all.
One God in perfect community,
Stay with us now.

Where there is apathy,
kindle the flame of your love.

Where there is deceit,
confront every lie with your truth.

Where there is hopelessness,
reveal deep wells of compassion.

Where there is joy,
let your kindly protection be known.

Where we hesitate to serve you,
make us restless until we change.

For yours is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, for ever.

Amen.