

# 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

## The paper-version Service



St Andrew's  
Church



The Good  
Shepherd  
Four Marks  
Responding to God's Love



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Service.

**Opening Prayer:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Hymn:**

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
all to leave and follow you;  
destitute, despised, forsaken,  
you on earth once suffered, too.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
all I've ever hoped or known;  
yet how rich is my condition,  
God and heaven are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me;  
they have left my Saviour, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
you are not, like them, untrue.  
And, since you have smiled upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
foes may hate and friends may shun me;  
show your face, and all is bright.  
Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!

Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!  
In your service pain is pleasure,  
with your favour loss is gain.  
I have called you Abba, Father;  
you my all in all shall be.  
Storms may howl, and clouds may  
gather,  
all must work for good to me.

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,  
armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
all but heaven is transitory,  
God's own hand shall guide you  
there.  
Soon shall end this earthly story,  
swift shall pass the pilgrim days,  
hope soon change to heavenly glory,  
faith to sight and prayer to praise.

No sermon presented this week.

**6th Sunday of Easter:** *God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**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 forever. Amen.*

**Blessing** to be declared over yourselves, St Andrews and The Good Shepherd, the communities around us and our whole nation. 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.' (Numbers 6:24-26 NIV).

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