

Welcome

find no time and no energy for you or for those around us.

Opening Prayer

Open our eyes to the closed doors of our streets and the dark corners of our cities, and our ears to the calls of the distress and to the silence of the broken. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor so that we might receive the riches of eternal life.

As we draw close to you now, kindle in our hearts a flame of love for our neighbour that will give light to our whole community. **Amen**

Readings

Opening Responses

Father of justice and mercy

we adore you

Jesus, our brother, born in a stable,

we adore you

Holy Spirit, father and mother of the poor, turning our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh

we adore you

Holy God, we ask you to sanctify our worship, that we may grow compassionate and eager for justice. **Amen**

Talk

During which a collection will be taken for Church Action on Poverty.

Prayers

We say sorry to God

Followed by the prayer that Jesus taught us to say –

Lord, you placed me in the world to be its salt
I was afraid of committing myself,
afraid of being stained by the world.
I did not want to hear what 'they' might say
and my salt dissolved as if in water.

Forgive me Jesus.

Lord, you placed me in the world to be its light.
I was afraid of the shadows,
Afraid of the poverty;
I did not want to know 'difficult' people
and my light slowly faded away.

Forgive me Jesus.

Forgive us, gracious God, when we are so full of our own concerns and our own endeavours that we can

**Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus,
You came that all might have life in abundance.
When you fed hungry people, everyone ate and had enough.
May we never become accustomed to the scandal of hunger in a world of plenty. Rather, may we live in accordance with your justice and equity. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen



Benefice Service in St Andrew's Church Clifton Campville

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