Reading Sheet for St Andrew the Apostle

The Collect

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him: call us by your holy word, and give us grace to follow you without delay and to tell the good news of your kingdom; 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**

First Lesson Romans 10:12-18

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For. 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have: for 'Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.'

Gospel Reading

Introduction

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. *All* **Alleluia.**

Matthew 4:18-22

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

St Andrew's Hymn

The fisherman of Galilee, Who with the Baptist trod, Responded to the herald's cry "Behold the Lamb of God'. He summoned Simon, 'Come and see'; And, pledging heart and mind, They left their nets, their boats, their homes, To fish for humankind.

In faith and trust he brought a lad To offer fish and bread: And through that little gift of love The multitude were fed. May we whose faith is all too small, Whose powers are all too slight, Place what we are in Jesu's hands, Relying on His might.

We thank you, Lord, for parents, friends, And teachers, by whose care We came to know the living Christ, His Glory to declare. May we who walk with Him through life, Who worship, serve, obey, Help others know Him as the Lord, The Life, the Truth, the Way.

Apostle of the risen Lord, He counted it no loss, To follow where his Master led, And die upon a cross. May we who call him patron saint Heed neither hurt nor shame, But, serving Jesus as he did, Rejoice in Andrew's name.