

**Act of Worship**  
**ST ANDREW (30<sup>th</sup> November)**  
**Key Stage 2**

**Gathering  
together**

**Focal point:** St Andrew's cross - X  
any symbols of Scotland  
fishing net or any symbols of fishing  
Bible  
Candle

Leader We light our candle, as always, to remind us that God is with us and we begin: 'In the name of the Father and .....

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Reader Today is the feast of St Andrew. Andrew lived a quiet and simple life as a fisherman. He worked with his brother Simon in the town of Bethsaida in Galilee. One day Jesus walked by as they cast their nets and invited them to become fishers of people. In the gospels, Andrew is often shown bringing others to Jesus. It was Andrew who brought forward the boy with the five loaves and two fishes when food was needed for the crowd. In the Gospel of John, Andrew tells his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah". After Jesus marched triumphantly into Jerusalem, Andrew helped some Greek men who wanted to speak with Jesus. After Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, Andrew brought others to Christ in a new way. He became a missionary. To this day, several countries in far-flung parts of the world claim to have been visited by Andrew. However, it isn't known for sure where he preached or where he died. Tradition says that Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross, called a 'saltire cross'. Because of legends preached in Scotland, that country put his cross on its flag. Andrew is a patron saint not only of Scotland but of Greece and Russia as well.

**The Word  
of God**

Reader Now let us stand up to greet the Gospel.

*('Alleluia' is sung)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

*(a Sign of the Cross is made on the forehead, lips and heart)*

Reader As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew, catching fish with a net. Jesus said to them, "Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people." At once they left their nets and went with him. He went a little farther on and saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat getting their nets ready. As soon as Jesus saw them, he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went with Jesus. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Response  
to the  
Word

Leader When you need someone to undertake a special job or task you 'call' them. "Come on!" Anyone who is called to a special job is challenged. They wonder if they can do the job or if they want to. Think for a moment about what you think it means to follow Jesus .....

We turn to Jesus who searches for us. The response is:

All and know Jesus more and more.

That the people of Scotland may be strengthened:

and know Jesus more and more.

That our leaders may follow the values of Jesus:

and know Jesus more and more.

That fishermen and all who work at sea may be safe:

and know Jesus more and more.

That we will try to be followers of Jesus:

and know Jesus more and more.

Going  
forth

Leader God, our Father, thank you for calling us to follow your Son, Jesus. Help us to answer his call and to tell everyone about the Good News of your love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*(Sing 'Follow me' or any other suitable hymn.)*

