

**Wallington and St Andrew's URCs**  
**Sunday 10 May 2020**

**The Revd Craig Bowman**

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Call to worship

♪ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the  
King of creation,  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health  
and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw  
near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so  
wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so  
gently sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er  
have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy  
work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily  
attend thee:  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me  
adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now  
with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people  
again:  
Gladly forever adore Him.

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Community Church, Sun Valley, California.*

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer in today's English:

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver  
us from evil. For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.

For all the family – Living stones

♪ In Christ there is no east or west,  
In Him no south or north;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord,  
Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be:  
Who serves my Father as his child  
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
In Him meet south and north;  
All Christ-like souls are one in Him,  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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of Praise.*

1 Peter 2:2-10 –

The living stone and a chosen people  
Acts 7:55-60 –

The stoning of Stephen

Sermon

♪ Father, I place into your hands  
The things I cannot do.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The times that I've been through.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The way that I should go,  
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands  
My friends and family.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The things that trouble me.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The person I would be,  
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, we love to see your face,  
We love to hear your voice.  
Father, we love to sing your praise  
And in your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with you  
And in your presence rest,  
For we know we always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you  
And do the things you do.  
Father, I want to speak the words  
That you are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones  
That you will draw to you,  
For I know that I am one with you.

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Kingsway's Thankyou Music. Performance: BBC  
Songs of Praise.*

Prayers of intercession

*We respond:*

We call on you our God, for you will hear  
us. Turn your ear to us and hear our  
prayers.

♪ Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Christ be our light ...*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.

*Christ be our light ...*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.

*Christ be our light ...*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.

*Christ be our light ...*

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Blessing

*Closing music: Virtues from Symphony of Stone by  
Drew Douglas via YouTube.*

*The Bible passages are read by Lynda Burns-  
Hussein and Pete McNamara. The family  
message is from Peter Campbell Smith and our  
prayers of intercession are led by Sheila Cruchley.*

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