

Wallington and St Andrew's URCS
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Call to worship

♪ Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth
Saying, 'Christian, follow me.'

As of old, St Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred
Leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store
From each idol that would keep us
Saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows
Days of toil and hours of ease
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures
'Christian, love me more than these.'

Jesus calls us! By thy mercy
Saviour, make us hear your call
Give our hearts to thy obedience
Serve and love thee best of all.

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Prayer and 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.

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

For all the family –
Understanding parables

♪ Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, allelujah! (*repeat*)

Men shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceedeth from the mouth of God,
Allelu, allelujah! (*repeat*)

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, allelujah! (*repeat*)

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Genesis 29:15-27 – Rachel and Leah
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 – Five parables

Sermon

♪ O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in thy sight,
To live our life to thee.

And thou, who cam'st on earth to die
That fallen ones might live thereby,
O hear us, for to thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to thee.

Teach us the lesson thou hast taught,
To feel for those thy blood hath bought;
That every word, and deed, and thought

May work a work for thee.
For all are neighbours, far and wide,
Since thou, O Lord, for all hast died;
Then teach us, whatsoe'er betide,
To love them all in thee.

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
Whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;
May we, where help is needed, there,
Give help as unto thee.

And may thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live, to live in love,
Till thou shalt greet in heaven above
All those who give to thee.

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Church, Tacoma, WA, USA, Ron Bechtel (piano).*

Prayers of intercession

Response:

Gracious God, hear our prayer

♪ When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Cambridge.*

Blessing

*The Bible passages are read by Betty Ntow-
Aninkora and Stella Chevalier, the family talk is by
Richard Seaton, and our prayers of intercession
are led by Nigel Macdonald.*

Closing music: *'The Kingdom of God is justice and
peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and
open in us the gates of your kingdom.'*
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