

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 11 October 2020

Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ God is Love: let heaven adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation,
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp God holds us
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life
God's eternal loving-kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign

*Words: Timothy Rees (altd), music: Cyril Taylor ©
Oxford University Press. Performance: singers
from St John's Episcopal Church, Boulder,
Colorado, singing separately under lockdown.*

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 – I cannot come ...

♪ Jubilate, everybody,
Serve the Lord in all your ways, and
Come before His presence singing,
Enter now His courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
And His mercy's everlasting.
Jubilate, Jubilate,
Jubilate Deo.

*Words and music: Fred Dunn © 1977, 1980
Thankyou Music. Performance, Divine Music.*

Philippians 4:1-9 –

Rejoice in the Lord always!

Matthew 22:1-14 -

The parable of the wedding banquet

Sermon

♪ Will you come and follow me if I but call
your name?
Will you go where you don't know and
never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let
my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and
you in me?

Will you leave your self behind if I but call
your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never
be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your
life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and
you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call
your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be
the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to
reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in
you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you
but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be
the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love
and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.

*Words: John Bell and Graham Maule, music:
Scottish trad arr John Bell © 1987 WGRG, Iona
Community. Performance: Liverpool Anglican
Cathedral for BBC Songs of Praise.*

Prayers of intercession

♪ Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good
grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
God's boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove,
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near,
God changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

*Words: John Monsell, music: John Hatton.
Performance: Choir of First Plymouth Church,
Lincoln, Nebraska.*

Blessing

*Closing music: 4th movement of G F Handel's
keyboard suite in D minor, as arranged for the
1975 Stanley Kubrick film Barry Lyndon, and
performed by the Lucca Philharmonic Orchestra.*

*The Bible passages are read by Janet Willis and
Nigel Dickinson, the family talk is by Alan Cruchley
and the prayers of intercession are led by Sheila
Cruchley.*