

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 31 January 2021

Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name
we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest
in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness
and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great
and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on
the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*Words: Walter Smith, music trad Welsh. Performance:
Halifax Minster, BBC Songs of Praise.*

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 – Aunt Mabel's table

♪ Jesus calls us here to meet him
As, through word and song and prayer,
We affirm God's promised presence
Where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
Praise the Son who calls us friends;
Praise the Spirit who, among us,
To our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of Life and Lord of all,
Sharer of our flesh and frailness,
Saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
Tell his tales that all may hear;
Tell the world that Christ in glory
Came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,
Vastly different though we are;
Creed and colour, class and gender
Neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
Join the hands of age and youth;
Join the faithful and the doubter
In their common search for truth.

*Words and Music arr: John Bell, Graham Maule
© 1989 WGRG. Performance: Dunblane Cathedral,
BBC Songs of Praise.*

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 – Food sacrificed to idols
Mark 1:21-28 –

Jesus drives out an impure spirit

Sermon

♪ Jesus, Lord, we look to thee,
Let us in thy name agree;
Show thyself the Prince of Peace;
Bid all strife forever cease.

Make us of one heart and mind,
Courteous, full of pity, kind,
Lowly, meek, in thought and word,
Altogether like the Lord.

Let us for each other care,
Each the other's burden bear,
To thy church the pattern give,
Show how true believers live.

Free from anger and from pride,
Let us thus in God abide;
All the depths of love express,
All the heights of holiness.

Closer knit to thee, our Head,
Nourish us, O Christ, and feed!
Let us daily grace receive,
More and more in Jesus live.

Fill us with the Father's love,
Never from our souls remove;
Dwell in us, and we shall be
Thine through all eternity.

*Words: Charles Wesley, music: Justin Knecht.
Performance: Metropolitan Tabernacle, BBC Songs of Praise.*

Prayers of intercession

♪ Brother, sister let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
And companions on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

First verse repeats

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Blessing

Closing music: Sanctus from the Mass by Joseph Jongen, performed by the Brussels Choral Society, Ensemble de Cuivres Luc Capouillez, Janet Hughes (organ), Tom Cunningham (cond), © 1991 Pavane Records.

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The family talk is by Heather Saint, the Bible passages are read by Louise Bowman and Sophie Easton and our prayers of intercession are led by Phil Hyde.