

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 21 February 2021

Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ Morning has broken,
like the first morning.
Blackbird has spoken,
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing
fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall,
sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall,
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
mine is the morning,
Born of the one light,
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon © David Higham Associates Ltd, music: trad Scottish. Performance: Libera – a boys' choir based in Croydon performing in Washington DC, © 2014 Parlophone Records.

Prayers 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 –

♪ O Lord, all the world belongs to you
And you are always making all things new
What is wrong you forgive,
And the new life you give
Is what's turning the world upside down.

The world's only loving to its friends,
But your way of loving never ends,
Loving enemies too;
And this loving with you
Is what's turning the world upside down.

The world lives divided and apart,
You draw men together, and we start
In our body to see
That in fellowship we
Can be turning the world upside down.

The world wants the wealth to live in state,
But you show a new way to be great:
Like a servant you came,
And if we do the same,
We'll be turning the world upside down.

O Lord, all the world belongs to you
And you are always making all things new.
Send your spirit on all
In your church who you call
To be turning the world upside down.

Words and music: Patrick Appleford © 1965 Josef Weinberger Ltd. Performance: Divine Music.

Genesis 9:8-17 – Noah and God's covenant
Mark 1:9-15 – Jesus in the wilderness

Sermon

♪ Father, hear the prayer we offer
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength, that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be:
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our Guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be Thou at our side.

*Words: Love Maria Willis, music: trad English.
Performance: Exultate Singers, Bristol, BBC Songs of
Praise.*

Prayers of intercession

♪ O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee:
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee:
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

*Words: George Matheson, music: A L Peace.
Performance: The Celebration Choir and the Salvation
Army Citadel Band, Sheffield © Integrity Music.*

Blessing

*Closing music: Butterfly from Lyric Pieces by Edvard
Grieg played by Emil Gilels © Deutsche Grammophon.*

*The family talk is by Richard Seaton, the Bible
passages are read by Tracy Bryan and Pat Tuffey and
our prayers of intercession are led by Laura Barker.*