Wallington and St Andrew's URCs Maundy Thursday 1 April 2021

Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another as I have loved you,

That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this will all men know that you are my disciples,

That you have love one for another. By this will all men know that you are my disciples,

That you have love one for another.

Words and Music: Roy Crabtree, © 1992 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. Performance: New Apostolic Church Children's Choir, Tafelsig, South Africa, via YouTube.

Prayer

John 13:21-30 – Lord, who is it?

Reflection

When my love to Christ grows weak, When for deeper faith I seek, Then in thought I go to thee, Garden of Gethsemane.

There I walk amid the shades, While the lingering twilight fades, See that suffering, friendless one, Weeping, praying there alone.

When my love for man grows weak, When for stronger faith I seek, Hill of Calvary, I go To the scenes of fear and woe;

There behold his agony, Suffered on the bitter tree; See his anguish, see his faith, Love triumphant still in death. Then to life I turn again, Learning all the worth of pain, Learning all the might that lies In a full self-sacrifice.

And I praise with firmer faith Christ who vanquished pain and death; And to Christ enthroned above Raise my song of selfless love.

Words: John Wreford altd Samuel Longfellow, music: Orlando Gibbons. Performance: Recorded live at St Andrews Kirk, Chennai.

John 18:1-14 – Jesus is arrested

Reflection

John 18: 19-24 – The High Priest questions Jesus

Reflection

Prayer

▶ From heaven You came, helpless babe, entered our world, Your glory veiled; not to be served but to serve, and give Your life that we might live. This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears, my heavy load He chose to bear; his heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said. This is our God ...

Come see His hands and His feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice; hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God ...

So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone Him; each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

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Blessing

In accordance with custom, we finish in silence.

The Bible passages are read by Phil Hyde, Peter Campbell Smith and Pat Tuffey.