

**St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Order for Worship for 19th April 2020 at 11.00am**

Led by Revd David Featonby

Call to Worship

This is the Holy Bible of our faith
We are the people of the Word.
Let us worship our God.

Hymn – R&S 243 Now the Green Blade Rises

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
2. In the grave they laid Him, Love whom we had slain,
thinking that He never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
3. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for the three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
then Your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

J M C Crum 1872 – 1958

Prayers of Approach, Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy.

**God is present in the tomb of our waiting,
creating the costly miracles of the victory of good,
of love, of grace, of the restoration of all things.**
In the centre of our waiting
the seeds of our salvation are announced in small signs,
in small kindnesses, in humble courage,
in lives of fragile hope, in faithfulness.
God is not defeated,
Life is more powerful than death.
This we believe.
From this will we live.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy
kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not
into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading – Psalm 46: 1-7, 10 -11 read by Jayne Adams

Blessing for our Young Friends, led by the Graham family

Lord Jesus

We ask your blessing on all our families and all our friends,
whether young
or less young.

Lord, be with us in our play.

Even within four walls, inspire us with your creativity
And your enjoyment of life.

Lord, be with us in our work.

Even within four walls, school us in knowledge of your world
And equip us to work for your kingdom.

Lord, be with us in our isolation.

Even within four walls, grant us reassurance
And fill our hearts with your peace.

Lord, be with us in our togetherness.

Even within four walls, share with us your love of company
And also your readiness to forgive.

Lord Jesus, in the morning wake us gently:

give us energy and nourishment and good health
for our bodies and for our minds.

In the evening wrap us warmly:

tuck us up safely in your love and your hope
and may the story on our lips be your story.

Amen

Hymn – R&S 343 When, O God our faith is tested

1. When, O God, our faith is tested
and our hope is undermined,
when our love of living shrivels
and we feel bereft and drained,
then we turn to you and cry
for your answer to our 'why?'
2. With emotions taut to breaking,
hearts with hurt and havoc frayed,
reason by remorse diminished,
souls distraught as if betrayed,
God of bleakness and abyss,
why have you forsaken us?

3. As we question and accuse you
out of depths of being tried,
could it be, God! that in weakness
you yourself are crucified?
Are you with us in our grief?
Help us in our unbelief!

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Reading – John 20: 19-20 read by Paul Adams

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Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.

**Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.

**In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love.**

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, **be their consolation;**
in their anxiety, **be their hope;**

in their darkness, **be their light;**
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory.

Amen.

A prayer for those who are ill:
Merciful God,

**we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort them and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

A prayer for all hospital staff and for medical researchers:
Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

**Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

A prayer for ourselves:

**O God, help us to trust you.
help us to know that you are with us now
Help us to believe that nothing can separate us from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Hymn – R&S 590 In Heavenly Love Abiding

1. In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?
2. Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.
3. Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkest clouds have been;
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

Anna L Waring (1823-1910)

Blessing The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*Abilene Christian University , Texas, USA. Virtual Choir, video
courtesy of Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9lf9bapaQQ>*

*The Prayers of Intercession are taken from the Church of
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