

**St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Order for Worship for 26th April 2020 at 11.00am**

Led by Rev'd Louise Gee

Call to Worship

You take us seriously

You listen to our questions

You walk alongside us

You share our journeys

You surprise us and bless us

You fill us with wonder

You call us together

You call us to life

Open our eyes to see you amongst us

Burn in our hearts and fill us with joy

Open our minds to the truth of your story

Dance with us the ceilidh of life.

Amen

Hymn – R&S 234 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks

*Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
he is the King of creation.

Alleluia.....

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia.....

We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live forever.

Alleluia.....

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Alleluia.....

Donald Fishel. (1950-)

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Heavenly Father, we thank you that though we are not a gathered community, but isolated and separated from each other, we give thanks that through the means of technology we can share this morning in worship together. So wherever we are this day, may our hearts and minds sing out to you with praise.

We come before you Lord as a resurrection community – an Easter people, and pray that we may know your holy and transforming presence with us.

During this surreal time we are living in maybe feeling anxious or lonely or vulnerable, afraid, and yes maybe even doubting and questioning, forgive us, Lord if we have just sometimes, like those disciples on the Emmaus Road, failed to recognize your presence with us.

Draw us back to yourself that our hearts may burn within us as we recognize you close to us.

And we do thank you Lord that as we come to you to seek your forgiveness, you speak words of grace to us and you say “your sins are forgiven”

Thanks be to God **Amen**

The Lord’s Prayer: 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 116: 1-4, 12-19 read by Carole Maxwell

Blessing for our Young Friends

Hymn – R&S 572 Colours of day dawn into the mind,

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the day has begun, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let’s give the message to the people we meet:

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing our friend.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
the darkness has come, the Son came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, his Spirit is near.

Sue McClellan, John Pac, Keith Rycroft. 1974

Reading **Luke 24: 13-35** read by Ken Maxwell

Address

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Let us come to God in prayer

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:

Risen Lord

Hear our prayer

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:

Risen Lord

Hear our prayer,

For our homes and families
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:

Risen Lord

Hear our prayer

For a blessing on our local communities
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:

Risen Lord

Hear our prayer

We pray for all doctors and nurses,
for medical researchers that you will grant
them skill and sympathy and resilience

Risen Lord

Hear our prayer

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray
And we thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are indeed with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe

Merciful Father

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hymn – R&S 549 One more step along the world I go

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn.
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving when the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Blessing

May we go in peace and may the risen Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with us on
the road.

May the risen Christ who serves with wounded hands, stretch out our hands to serve.

May the risen Christ who loves with a wounded heart open our hearts to love.

May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet and may everyone we meet see the
face of the risen Christ in us, today and always. Amen.

And so may the blessing of Almighty God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with each one of
us and those you love, today and always. **Amen**

*(Call to Worship taken from 'Fire and Bread' (resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday) –
Ruth Burgess.*

*Intercessions taken from The Church of England booklet of Prayers for use during the
Coronavirus outbreak*

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