

St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Order for Worship for 7th June 2020 at 11.00am

Led by Rev'd Louise Gee

Call to Worship

In the beginning, God the Maker:
Just and creative, strong and loving

In the beginning, God the storyteller
Joyful and honest, vulnerable and questioning

In the beginning, God the Holy Spirit:
Wise and glorious, wild and challenging

Alpha and Omega and now in this moment:
**Blessed be the Trinity, Blessed be God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

In us God lives
And we are holy

In us God cries
And we are holy

In us God loves
And we are holy

Blessed and commissioned
We go out with joy

Hymn – R&S No. 32

God is in his temple,
the Almighty Father;
round his footstool let us gather:
serve with adoration
him, the Lord most holy,
who has mercy on the lowly;
let us raise
hymns of praise
for his great salvation:
God is in his temple.

Christ comes to his temple:
we, his word receiving,
are made happy in believing;
now from sin delivered,
he has turned our sadness,
our deep gloom, to light
and gladness;
let us raise
hymns of praise,
for our bonds are severed:
Christ comes to his temple.

Come and claim your temple,
gracious Holy Spirit,
in our hearts your home inherit;
make in us your dwelling,
your high work fulfilling,
into ours your will instilling;
till we raise
hymns of praise,
beyond mortal telling,
in the eternal temple.

William T. Matson (1833-99) altd.

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

And so, on this Trinity Sunday we come before you and offer ourselves afresh. God, the Father, who created all things, who is ruler, Lord and King.

Gracious God

Let your people rejoice in you.

We come before you and offer ourselves afresh God who is in Christ, God who is Christ. God who is lowly and humble, who reaches out to touch, who stoops to serve, who loves, who walks each day with us, who shares our joys and our sorrows, who laughs and cries with us, who hungers and thirsts with us and who embraces us. God who gave himself for us, who died and rose again.

Gracious God

Let your people rejoice in you.

We come before you and offer ourselves afresh God the Spirit. God the Spirit who is our strength and hope, our comforter, the breath of life, the giver of new life. God the Spirit who is always with us, around us, within us. God the Spirit who calls to us, and through us "whom shall I send and who will go for us" and he longs to hear us say "Here I am send me"

Gracious God

Let your people rejoice in you.

Thanks be to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

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: Isaiah 6: 1-8

Hymn R&S No. 30

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you;
glorify your name in all the earth,
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you;
glorify your name in all the earth,
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you;
glorify your name in all the earth,
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Donna Adkins. 1976

Blessing for our young people

Most holy God we pray this day for the young people of this church wherever they are. Many are on their virtual camp this weekend. And so we pray that they may be having fun as they work through the various activities that they have been given. May they find joy in learning more of you and growing in your likeness. Pray Lord that you will bless each one of them and those who lead and teach and nurture them. We ask this in your most holy name. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20

Sermon:

Invitation to the table

Jesus said:

Come to me, all who are tired of carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.

Come, all who are hungry,
and I will give you bread of heaven.

Come, you who are thirsty,
and I will give you living water.

His invitation is to you,
his invitation is to me,
his invitation is to all God's people –
to all who search for meaning,
to all who yearn for peace,
who crave forgiveness,
who ache for new beginnings.

Come, says Jesus,
eat and drink,
taste and see that the Lord is good –
and do this, in remembrance of me.

Communion Hymn R&S No. 441

Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart,
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

James Montgomery (1771-1854) alt

The Narrative

Hear the narrative of the institution of the Lord's Supper as it was recorded by the Apostle Paul. The tradition which I handed on to you came to me from the Lord himself; that on the night of his arrest the

Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' And in the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

Celebrating the Feast

Gracious God, for loving us enough to share our humanity –
born among us, walking our earth, experiencing our frailty and fears,
our joys and our sorrows

**in awe and wonder
we thank you**

For loving us enough to share our death –
dying on a cross, bearing our sins, enduring suffering and sorrow,
darkness and despair

**in awe and wonder
we thank you**

For loving us enough to share *your* life –
life eternal, abundant, brimming over in all its fullness,
beyond our finest words or wildest imagining

**in awe and wonder
we thank you**

For inviting us to share in bread and wine –
gratefully remembering, eagerly anticipating, conscious of all you
have done

and all you have yet to do
**in awe and wonder
we thank you.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the Church, that we may find ways to both preach the word and serve our neighbour, especially during this time of separation and crisis.

We pray to the Lord
Lord hear our prayer

For our leaders, that they may serve with wisdom, compassion and humility.

We pray to the Lord
Lord hear our prayer

For an end to violence and injustice. Lord we pray, too, for an end to discrimination and pray especially at this time for the people of America and for all who live in fear because of the colour of their skin.

We pray to the Lord
Lord hear our prayer

We continue to pray for all who are affected by the coronavirus. For the vulnerable, the lonely, those who are afraid, and isolated. For all medics and keyworkers, and for each one of us, for we are all affected in some way – missing our children and our grandchildren, friends and families and just longing for a hug. May we all know the hope that God's love brings.

We pray to the Lord
Lord hear our prayer

For those who are sick may they know the touch and the power of the healing Christ. Comfort those who mourn that they may know and feel your presence with them.

We pray to the Lord
Lord hear our prayer

Lord, for all our prayers, those spoken and those we hold in the silence of our hearts;

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Breaking and sharing together

Now as our Lord has commanded us, we do this in remembrance of him.

Jesus took bread, he gave thanks, he broke it, and he shared it with his friends.

May the bread of life nourish you, sustain you, strengthen your faith and build you up in hope.

Jesus took wine, he poured it into a cup, he blessed it, and gave it to his friends: to drink and to remember him for ever.

May Christ's rich wine warm you, uplift you, excite you and flow within you to his praise and his glory.

Prayer after communion

The meal is ended, but the journey is not over,
for after worship comes service,
after blessing, response.

Christ is waiting:
walk with him - and he will walk with you. **Amen**

Hymn R&S CH4 251

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord.....

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord.....

Words & Music Daniel Schutte

Final Prayer

Day by day, O God,
may the living Christ speak to us,
grow in us and work through us,
shine from us and dwell with us.
Amen

Doxology R&S No. 21

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Opening sentence - Ruth Burgess – 'Fire and Bread'

*Words for the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion -
Nick Fawcett – 'For You and For Many'*

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