

**St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Order for Worship for 14th June 2020 at 11.00am**

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – Psalm 100

Hymn – R&S 377. This is the day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day when he rose again
when he rose again;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it
and be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when he rose again.

This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came,
when the Spirit came;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it
and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

Psalm 118:24 adpt Les Garrett (1944 -)

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, we praise you for all that you give us, especially for our families. We praise you for all the love, all the security, all the joy we find in our family life together. We praise you for our homes and all the comfort and safety we experience within them.

May we be always mindful of the many blessings you give us.

We praise you for the opportunity to grow together, to learn from each other and to become better people through our relationships with each other and with you.

In our worship now, we offer you our praises for all that you provide for us and we pray that through this time of worship we might be renewed for our lives of service.

God of grace, you have shown us what you require of us; that we treat others fairly and that we are prepared to forgive others as you forgive us. In the knowledge of your acceptance and love, we confess our failings. When we have been rude to those we love or far too quick to respond with anger,
Please forgive us and renew us.

When we have resorted to telling lies to protect ourselves or when we have found amusement in another's misfortune,
Please forgive us and renew us.

When we have been far more concerned about meeting our own needs and so have completely ignored the needs of those around us,
Please forgive and renew us.

Please assure us once again of your mercy. Please grant us the opportunity to change our ways and please help us to know that we are always loved and accepted, forgiven and healed by you. We sum up all our prayers as we say together the prayer that Jesus himself taught us:

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 – Genesis 18:1-15

Feedback from ‘Camp In’

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

1. 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.*
2. Round the corner 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:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

3. 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:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*
4. Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*
5. 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:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Sydney Carter (1915 - 2004)

Blessing for our Young Friends

Reading – Matthew 9:35-38

Talk 1 – Laughing at God

Hymn – R&S 629. Make me a channel of your peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, bring your joy:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

3. Make me a channel of your peace;
for when we give we will ourselves receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
and in dying that we gain eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928 - 1997)

Talk 2

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Almighty and Eternal God, we thank you for moments of stillness and of peace, when we can become aware of your desire to meet with us; when we can know in the depths of our beings your love for each of us; when we can listen for your gentle voice within.

Teach us, we pray, to make time and space for you; to create opportunities to pause and reflect, to take stock and to give thanks for the many blessings you give us, opportunities to try to understand what it is that you need us to hear.

Help us, we pray, to be aware of your presence with us, moment by moment, day by day, living each moment in the knowledge that you are always around us, within us, between us and among us. Teach us how to share each moment with you, confident that you are with us and that you care about us. **Teach us, we pray, to listen, humbly, reverently, attentively, eagerly, certain that what we share with you matters to you and that it is impossible for us to share honestly with you and for nothing to happen.**

Almighty and Eternal God, we give you our thanks for 'Camp In' this weekend and for all the fun, enjoyment, creativity and friendship we have shared, in whatever way has been available to us.

Please help us, in these difficult days, to hold onto such moments of joy and fulfilment and to gain strength from them when the days are long and monotonous.

Eternal God, we give you our thanks for all the blessings of this life and for all the goodness and love that brings joy and peace to our daily living. We offer you our gifts, in whatever way we can give them, as an expression of our gratitude, asking your blessing upon them, that all that we offer in your name may be used for the sharing of your Kingdom of love amongst us and across our world.

Almighty God, there is so much noise, so much turmoil, so much confusion and so many demands. We pray that your peace may rest upon us and upon all your creation. So may we

experience more of your deep love for us, day by day. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer, **Amen.**

Hymn – R&S 558. Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me,
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

4. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John Bell (1949 -) and Graham Maule (1958 -)

Benediction – We say the words of 'The Grace' together:

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, today and always.
Amen.**

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