

St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Order for Worship for Sunday 3rd July 2022 at 11.00am

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – Isaiah 40:28-31

Hymn – R&S 96. Great is thy faithfulness

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (SUNG)

Reading – Galatians 6:1-10

Family Talk

Anthem

Hymn – R&S 576. God's spirit is deep in my heart

Blessing for the Offertory and for the Junior Church
(Junior Church leave)

Reading – Luke 10:1-11

Talk – Abundant Harvest, Few Workers

Hymn – R&S 520. For ourselves no longer living

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Invitation to the Table

This is the table not of the Church, but of the Lord! It is to be made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come ... you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not

because I invite you. It is the Lord! It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Hymn – R&S 217. When I survey the wondrous cross.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Let us read of how this story began ... On the night on which Jesus was betrayed, he sat at supper with his disciples. While they were eating he took a piece of bread, said the blessing prayer and gave it to them with the words, "This is my body; it is broken for you. Do this to remember me." Later he took a cup of wine saying, "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Drink from it, all of you, to remember me."

So now, following Jesus' example and command, we take this bread and wine, the ordinary things of the world, to remember him.

We pray together:

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful ... these you deserve. For when we were nothing, you made us something!

When we had no name, you called us your children!

When we had lost our way, you did not abandon us!

When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome!

And look! You prepare a table for us offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self, so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed and made new again.

Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

As we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth. We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry. Your world is one world and we are the stewards of its nourishment.

Put our prosperity at the service of the poor.

We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty. The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.

Put our fullness at the service of the empty.

We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war.

Show us quickly how to turn weapons into welcome signs and the lust for power into the desire for peace.

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions. We are one in Spirit, but not in fact! History and hurt still dismember us.

Heal your church in every brokenness.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and promised to do, what have we to offer? Our hands are empty, our hearts full of wrong things. We are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But with you is mercy and the power to change! So we do here what you did in an upstairs room. Please send your Spirit on us, healing, forgiving, making us whole; so may we become for you your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. **Amen.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God!

We share the bread and the wine

Prayer After Communion

**In the end as in the beginning, God is God:
Loved by us, wanted by us, praised by us, served by us,
Filling us all with the gifts of the Spirit,
Making us whole for the good of the earth.**

**For bread and wine, this place and time,
Thanks be to God!
For the hands I touch which are not mine,
Thanks be to God!
For the peace I am promised which the world won't destroy,
Thanks be to God!
For the hope of life forever through resurrection's joy,
Thanks be to God!**

Hymn – R&S 606. Where cross the crowded ways of life

Benediction: The Blessing of St Columba

**Be Thou a bright flame before me,
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be Thou a smooth path below me,
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today, tonight and forever. Amen.**