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friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray,
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Blessing for the Offertory

Reading – Isaiah 58:9b-14

Hymn – R&S 583. The Church is wherever God's people

Family Talk

Hymn – R&S 594. Peace, perfect peace, is the gift

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

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.**

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St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC Order for Worship for Sunday 21st August 2022 at 11.00am Family Service

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – Psalm 103:1f, 8-12

Hymn – CH4 257. Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together

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1. Come, bringing hope into a world of fear,
a world which is burdened down with dread,
a world which is yearning for a greater love
but needs to be shown a true way.
2. Come, bringing joyfully in both your hands
some kindling to light the path of peace,
some hope that there is a more human world
where justice and truth will be born.
3. Wherever hatefulness and violence
are banished for ever from our hearts,
then will the world believe the day is near
when sadness and pain shall find their end.

Christine Carson (b. 1965) and John Bell (b. 1949)

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Reading – Luke 13:10-17

Family Talk

Music for Reflection

Hymn – CH4 259. Beauty for brokenness

1. Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair,
Lord, in the suffering
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset
your kingdom increase.
2. Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.

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3. Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields,
scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.
4. Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned,
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need.

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5. Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame,
until your justice
burns brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.