



Faith – Hope – Love – Since 1972

St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Order for Worship for Sunday 2nd October 2022 at 11.00am
Jubilee Celebration

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

We gather to worship and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.
We celebrate and praise our God for the Year of Jubilee.

We declare good news to the poor.
**We declare freedom to the captives, release for the prisoners
and the binding up of our broken hearts.**

Those who mourn will be comforted.
Instead of ashes, the oil of joy will flow.

Put on praise instead of despair.
We will delight in the Lord. We will rejoice in our God.

Let us worship the Living God together.
We will give glory to God, our faithful God.

Hymn – R&S 104. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Creator God, we praise you for your love and your delight in your creation, thanking you for the generosity with which you bless us each day.

For the world and all living things that you have created, we give glory to your name.

Saving God, we praise you that your love for us was poured out in Jesus, whose life and example reveal the nature of humanity in perfect union with the divine.

We praise you, that through his death and resurrection, you have redeemed us, so that we and all creation may be reconciled to you.

Liberating God, we praise you for the true freedom that is found in following the way of Jesus – freedom to be all that you created us to be.

We praise you for your deep love and care for the poor and for all those unjustly treated, and for calling us to share this love and passion for freedom for all in you.

God of joy and peace, you are worthy of all praise and glory, so today we lift our hearts and voices with thanksgiving and sing your praises for your faithfulness and love in the work and life of the United Reformed Church in this year of Jubilee. Please take us, remake us, and challenge us with a Spirit-filled, world-transforming call to bring freedom and love wherever you call us and in whatever work you require of us, as we look to the future with hope.

In the light of God's glory, we recognise the shadows and darkness in our own lives, so let us come to confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness.

Silence for personal reflection and prayer

Saviour God, you bring freedom, yet sometimes we are afraid to be free. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Redeeming God, you forgive without cost, yet sometimes we strive to earn what is freely given. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Eternal God, sometimes we cling to the past and are fearful of what the future may hold. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Here are words we may trust, words that merit full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." To all who turn to him he says: "Your sins are forgiven." He also says: "Follow me."

Thanks be to God.

We sing together the prayer that Jesus himself has taught us.

We sing The Lord's Prayer.

Reading – Luke 4:14-22

Family Talk

Anthem – "O Thou, the central Orb", by Charles Wood

Hymn – R&S 713. Jubilate, everybody (x2)

Blessing for the Offertory and for the Junior Church

(Junior Church leave)

Almighty and Eternal God, we give you our thanks for all the many blessings you share with us. As an expression of our gratitude, we bring to you our gifts, all that we are and all that we have, praying that you will take and use all for the furthering of your Kingdom, here in this place and throughout your world. We ask your blessing on all our young friends and their leaders as they now leave us for their separate services. We pray that you will bring them inner peace, confidence and the profound knowledge that they are loved and cared for. Please keep all our young friends safe and wrap your protecting blessing around them. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen.

Reading – Romans 12:4-15

Sermon – Rev'd Clifford Wilton

Hymn – R&S 582. Thanks be to God, whose Church on earth

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Almighty and Eternal God, we give you our grateful thanks for the life, work and witness of the United Reformed Church over the last 50 years. We give thanks for the traditions and histories that have come together in unity to create our denomination, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Churches of Christ and the Scottish Congregational Church. We give thanks for all the learning, all the sharing, all the growing together over the years that has made us the Church we are now and will be in the future.

Lord, please receive our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, we give you our thanks that, as we meet for worship this morning, we do so as part of a world-wide fellowship. We give thanks for our fellowship with Reformed Churches across the world, for the part we can play in the life of Free Churches in this nation and the Council of Churches in Britain and Ireland. We give thanks for the strength and encouragement we receive from being part of your living body, your Church, here on earth today.

Lord, please receive our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, we give you our thanks for all the many blessings of this life. For those who love us and whom we love; for those who care for us and provide our daily needs; for abundant resources, when so many in our world go without, we give you our grateful thanks.

Lord, please receive our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, we bring to you our prayers for others and ourselves, in the knowledge that we are seen more than seeing and known more than knowing. We pray for the United Reformed Church and for all who serve your Church in whatever way, as we celebrate together the Church's 50th Anniversary. We pray for our General Secretary, for all our Staff in Church House, for our National Moderators, for our Synod Moderators, especially our own, Geoffrey, as they together lead our Church into new ways of working and as they help us develop new patterns of mission.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we pray for all who serve the Church, as Stipendiary and Non-Stipendiary Ministers, as Church Related Community Workers, as Lay Leaders and Lay Preachers, as Elders and Members. We pray that our national Church and our local Churches may be encouraged with new life, new energy, a new understanding of the Gospel to be shared and a new heart and willingness to share it. May we always be open to your call, however costly or risky that

call may seem, so that we might be prepared to be led where we do not want to go and surprised to find ourselves in the right place.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Eternal God, in all our dealings with others, please help us to be respectful, to use the earth's resources wisely and well and to create only that which will increase the health and well-being of all. We pray for those who find their work demanding and stressful, for individuals and families who know the demands and stresses of redundancy and unemployment. We pray for those whose lives are caught in a spiral of debt, those rendered insecure by homelessness, those whose lives are blighted by addiction or overshadowed by illness and death. As we bear one another's burdens and share each other's sorrows, may we experience your blessing, so that even when we do not understand and when we struggle to know what is best to do, we may receive strength and hope beyond our own and find comfort and peace in the light of your love.

Almighty and Eternal God, in your mercy, please hear our prayers.

We offer all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, in the knowledge that it is impossible to pray honestly and for nothing to happen. To you, Eternal God, be all honour, praise and glory, now and forever more. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Table

Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ; Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away.

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

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Peace be with you.

The Narrative

We hear the narrative of the institution of our Lord's Supper as it was recorded by the apostle Paul. I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you are proclaiming the death of our Lord until he comes again.

The Celebration of the Sacrament

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and indeed following his very example, we take this bread and this cup, and we give thanks to God.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**With joy we give you thanks and praise,
Almighty God, Source of all life and love,
that we live in your world,**

**that you are always creating and
sustaining it by your power,
and that you have so made us
that we can know and love you,
trust and serve you.**

We give you thanks

that you loved the world so much

that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who has faith in him

may not die but have eternal life.

We thank you that Jesus was born among us;

that he lived our common life on earth;

that he suffered and died for us;

that he rose again;

and that he is always present

through the Holy Spirit.

We thank you that we can live in the faith

that your kingdom will come,

and that in life, in death and beyond death

you are always with us.

Therefore with all the company of heaven,
and with all your people,
of all places and times,
we proclaim your greatness.

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.

Holy Lord God,
by what we do here
in remembrance of Christ
we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the Cross
and his glorious resurrection and ascension;
we declare that he is Lord of all our living,
and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom.
**Please accept our sacrifice of praise;
and as we eat and drink as he commanded us
unite us to Christ as one body in him,
and give us strength to serve you in the world.
And to you, one holy and eternal God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we give praise and glory, now and forever.
Amen.**

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

*We share the bread and the wine. Please retain the elements, so
that we may eat and drink together.*

Prayer after Communion.

**Most gracious God,
we praise you for all that you have given us
and for all that you have promised us here.
You have made us one
with all your people, those in heaven and those on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life,
and renewed us for your service.
So now we give ourselves to you;
and we ask that our daily living
may be part of the life of your kingdom,
and that our love may be your love**

**reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn – R&S 603. Lord, for the years your love has kept

Benediction (Sung Amen)

You are all warmly invited to join us for fellowship and lunch in
the Large Hall.

Organist: Mrs Gemma Marshall

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