



St Andrew's with Castle Gate

United Reformed Church, Nottingham

Order of Worship for Sunday 28 April 2024 at 11.00am

Fifth Sunday in Easter

Worship led by Derek Graham

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – Psalm 22:27-28

Hymn – We come from the mountains (StF 417)

1. We come from the mountains, the valleys and plains,
the cities and farmlands awaiting the rains.
Our cultures are many, our tongues even more;
our colours the rainbow from God's artful store.

*In mission together we all join our hands,
in mission together throughout many lands.
With our hearts united our voices we raise
to God our Creator in glorious praise.*

2. Though different in culture and modes of our dress,
though strange seem our language we boldly confess
that we all are united; one people, one voice.
We're God's own creation by God's sacred choice.

In mission together... (etc)

3. In Christ we're united, all barriers fall;
there's no favoured gender, one family for all;
oppressed, rich, and needy, the weak and the strong;
one family, one people, to God all belong.

In mission together... (etc).

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Prayers of Approach & Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem



Reading – Acts 8:26-40 (from the Dramatised Bible)

All-Age Address

Hymn – When a knight won his spurs (R&S 556)

Blessing for the Offertory and for our Young People

(The Junior Church and Youth Group leave.)

Reading – John 15:1-8

Hymn – Lord, speak to me, that I may speak (R&S 613)

Address

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn – Lord, Your Church on earth is seeking (StF 410)

Tune: Abbot's Leigh (R&S 579)

1. Lord, your Church on earth is seeking
your renewal from above;
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accent of your love.
We would heed your great commission:
sending us to every place
preach, baptise, fulfil my mission,
serve with love and share my grace.
2. Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within:
light for darkness; joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife.
These and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.
- . In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of His mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races
let us serve, and seek to bring
all the world to render praises
Christ, to you, Redeemer, King.

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Sending (with sung Amen)

We give a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today, either in the sanctuary or on-line. If you are sitting next to a microphone, it is in use.

This Service will be live-streamed and you may be seen on camera, although we will not deliberately take any close-ups of the congregation. By attending you agree to be seen in this way. If you have any concerns, please speak with our Church Secretary.

If you are visiting for the first time, please do fill out a visitor's card, which can be found in the vestibule. We would be very pleased to stay in touch with you.

We extend a very warm invitation to you all to join us after the Service for coffee and friendship in our Fellowship Room downstairs. Please leave the sanctuary by the door on the right at the front and turn downstairs. There is a lift, if you require one. When using the lift, please keep your finger on the button until you have arrived at your destination.

If you would like to make a donation to support our Church's life and witness, donations may be made by cash in the offertory bags hanging on the end of the pews at the back of church or, at the end of the Service, on the large offertory plate by the door leading to coffee. Donations may also be made through the card reader on the shelf by the right-hand door at the back of Church.

*More information on our Church's life and witness may be found at
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