

St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Order for Worship for Sunday 8th September 2024 at 11.00am
'Commitment for Life'

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – Psalm 51:10, 15

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 be world believe the day is near
when sadness and pain shall find their end.

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

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Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Readings – Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-10, 14-17

'Commitment for Life' – An Appeal

Anthem

Hymn – "Together through the Father's love"

Together through the Father's love
we are one family.

His love in us, our love for him
holds all in unity.

Let us praise and sing
for he's good and true;
love and mercy flows.
From him all things are made new.

Together on the Jesus road
we learn his servant heart,
discovering that humility
is where true blessing starts.
Let us walk his way
raise our voice in song
to the Love, whose love
is our joy and makes us one.

Together when the Spirit leads,
her whisper like a dove,
resisting our complacency
she kindles gifts of love.
Let the breath of life
spark in us a flame
for a hurting world
to find comfort for its pain.

We stand together on this day
and make our pledge in faith,
with hope for all the future holds
and trusting in your grace.

We will journey on
guided by your Word;
voices, hearts and lives
singing "Jesus Christ is Lord!"
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Blessing for the Offertory and for the Junior Church
(Junior Church leave)

Reading – Mark 7:24-37

Hymn – R&S 620. For the healing of the nations

Sermon – Dr Victoria Turner

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.

*God of the poor,
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.*

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.

*God of the poor,
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.*

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.

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friend of the weak,
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Come, change our love
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Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn – R&S 345. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Benediction (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.*

*Play-bags are available for our youngest friends in the vestibule. These may
be used, under parental supervision, until our younger friends leave for
Junior Church.*

*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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