



St Andrew's with Castle Gate **United Reformed Church, Nottingham**

Order of Worship Sunday 29th December 2024 at 11.00 a.m.
First Sunday after Christmas.

*Please note: There are supervised activities for our youngest friends
in the vestibule throughout the service*



Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship Galatians 4:4

Prayer of Approach and lighting of Peace Candle
Hymn 165 The poor and the humble

Prayer of Confession

Lord's Prayer

Reading I Samuel 2: 18-20 & 26

Family Time

Psalm 148 The Lord of heav'n confess

Offering and Prayer for Young People

Reading Luke 2:41-52

Hymn Within the Father's house

Sermon

Hymn 150 Child in the manger

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 63 Great God, we sing that mighty hand

Blessing

Sung Amen.

Psalm 148

Tune Crofts 136th No 280

The Lord of heav'n confess,
On high his glory raise.
Him let all angels bless,
Him all his armies praise,
Him glorify
Sun, moon and stars;
Ye higher spheres,
And cloudy sky.

From God your beings are,
Him therefore famous make;
You all created were,
When he the word but spake.
And from that place.
Where fix'd you be
By his decree,
You cannot pass.

Praise God from earth below,
Ye dragons, and ye deeps:
Fire, hail, clouds, wind, and snow,
Whom in command he keeps.
Praise ye his name,
Hills great and small,
Trees low and tall;
Beasts wild and tame;

All things that creep or fly,
Ye kings, ye vulgar throng,
All princes mean or high;
Both men and virgins young,

Ev'n young and old,
Exalt his name;
For much his fame
Should be extoll'd.

O let God's name be prais'd
Above both earth and sky;
For he his saints hath rais'd,
And set their horn on high;
Ev'n those that be
Of Isr'el's race,
Near to his grace,
The Lord praise ye.

Scottish Psalter 1929

Within the Father's House

Tune Hampton No 631

Within the Father's house
The Son hath found His home;
And to His temple suddenly
The Lord of Life hath come.

The doctors of the law
Gaze on the wondrous child,
And marvel at His gracious words
Of wisdom undefiled.

Yet not to them is giv'n
The mighty truth to know,
To lift the fleshly veil which hides
Incarnate God below.

The secret of the Lord
Escapes each human eye,
And faithful pondering hearts await
The full epiphany.

Lord, visit Thou our souls,
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace;

Till from our darkened sight
The cloud shall pass away,
And on the cleansèd soul shall burst
The everlasting day.

Till we behold Thy face,
And know, as we are known,
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Co-equal Three in One.

James R. Woodford 1820-85

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.

St Andrew's with Castle Gate United Reformed Church is registered with the Charity Commission as: St Andrew's with Castle Gate Nottingham United Reformed Church, registered number 1129944.

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

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