



**St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Bereavement Service – 12th January 2025 at 11.00am**

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – 1 Peter 1:3 & 4

Hymn – R&S 95. God is love: let heaven adore him

1. God is love: let heaven adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal love.

2. God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace;
his unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race;
and when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
that same sorrow, that same aching
wrings with pain the heart of God.
3. God is love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts and clouds the will,
God's eternal loving kindness
holds us fast and guides us still.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874 – 1939)

Prayers of Approach, Confession and the Lord's Prayer led by
Derek Graham

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
St Paul's hymn to love.

Hymn – R&S 658. For all the saints, who from their labours rest

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, Lord Jesus, be for ever blessed:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight,
in deepest darkness thou their one true light:
3. O may thy servants, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victors' crown of gold:
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine:
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
and sings to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

W W How (1823 – 97)

Blessing for the Offertory and Junior Church (the Junior Church leave)

Reading – Revelation 21:1-7

John's vision of the Heavenly City.

Hymn – R&S 679. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

William Whittingham (1524 – 79)

Poem – “Footprints in the Sand”, Anon, read by Jean Patterson

Anthem – “Light a candle” by Jay Althouse

We remember with love and thanksgiving all those Members and Friends who have died in the past year.

Roll of Remembrance

Reece James Drew Davies

Elly Eccleston

Malcolm Littlefair

Isobel Logan

Ewan Macinnes

Frances McCulloch

Mary Rigley

Tom Smith

David Thomson

We thank God for the lives of all those who have died over the past year, loved by Members and Friends of our Church, but whose names are not included here.

Reflection in a Time of Silence

Lighting of the Candles of Remembrance

We invite anyone who would like to light a candle in memory of a loved one to come forward now.

Hymn – R&S 590. In heavenly love abiding

1. In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid,
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?
2. Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim;
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.
3. Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkening clouds have been:
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

Anna L. Waring (1823 – 1910)

Talk – The Longing for Paradise

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession, led by Ron Kenyon

Hymn – R&S 663. Love divine, all loves excelling

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Benediction (Amen Sung)

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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