

St Andrew's with Castle Gate

Sunday 11 May 2025

Christian Aid Service

Worship team: Mark Hodgson, Becky Smith & Luke Framji

**'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'**

(Romans 15:13)

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

Giver of living water, we thirst for your presence.

**Let your steadfast love be upon us,
as we hope in you.**

Bread of life, we hunger for your word.

**Let your steadfast love be upon us,
as we hope in you.**

Holy one, you set a path before us, we seek to walk
in your ways.

**Let your steadfast love be upon us,
as we hope in you.**

Hymn R&S 620 For the healing of the nations

Aurelia's story - part one

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Prompt "In your mercy."

Reply, **"Forgive us and help us."**

Aurelia's story – part two

Anthem

Reading Acts 9:36-43

Hymn

When I needed a neighbour (CH4 544)

When I needed a neighbour,

Were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

And the creed and the colour

And the name won't matter,

Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty,

Were you there, were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

And the creed.....

I was cold, I was naked,

Were you there, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

And the creed....

When I needed a shelter

Were you there, were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there?

And the creed.....

When I needed a healer,

Were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there?

And the creed

Wherever you travel,

I'll be there, I'll be there.

Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

And the creed

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Offertory, thanksgiving & prayer for the children and young
people, before they leave

Aurelia's story - part three

Hymn Heaven shall not wait (CH4 362)
 Heaven shall not wait
 for the poor to lose their patience,
 the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
 Jesus is Lord;
 he has championed the unwanted;
 in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait
 for the rich to share their fortunes,
 the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:
 Jesus is Lord;
 he has shown the master's privilege –
 to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait
 for the dawn of great ideas,
 thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
 Jesus is Lord;
 he has married word and action;
 his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait
 for triumphant Hallelujahs,
 when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
 Jesus is Lord
 in our present imperfection;
 his power & love are for now; & then for evermore.

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Film Christian Aid's film

Reading John 10:22-30

Talk "The Light that Shines through."

Aurelia's story – part four

Hymn La Paz de la Tierra (x3) (CH4 798)
 The peace of the earth be with you,
 The peace of the heavens too;
 The peace of the rivers be with you,
 The peace of the oceans too.
 Deep peace falling over you;(x2)
 God's peace growing in you. *(final)*

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Prayers of intercession

Hymn Touch the earth lightly - CH4 243 (T R&S 45)
 Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
 nourish the life of the world in our care:
 gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
 trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
 agents of death for all creatures that live,
 we who would foster clouds of disaster--
 God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
 water that blesses and air that is sweet,
 health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
 regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
 God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
 teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
 using us gently, and making us one.

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Sending (spoken Amen)