

**St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Family Worship for 3rd August 2025 at 11.00am**

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – Psalm 46:10 & 11

Hymn – CH4 257. Singing, we gladly worship the Lord

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Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Reading – Colossians 3:12-17

Family Talk – Happy Birthday!

Hymn – R&S 92. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

Blessing for the Offertory

Reading – Luke 12:13-21

Music for Reflection

Family Talk – Collecting Things

Hymn – R&S 512. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

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Invitation to the Table

Jesus said that anyone who wanted to follow him could remember him by eating bread and drinking wine. We gather together now to celebrate Holy Communion in order to remember Jesus, to give thanks for all that he means for our day to day living and to commit ourselves to trying to walk his way more faithfully.

Hymn – R&S 373. Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

The Story

To anyone who wants to follow him, Jesus gave an example and a command, based on the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night on which he was betrayed and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to his

disciples saying, “This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me.”

Later, after they had eaten, Jesus took a cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.”

So, now we do as Jesus did. And as he said a prayer of thanks with his friends, so now we give our thanks and praise to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we thank and praise you that it is possible for us to know and love you, to trust you and to serve you. You have made our beautiful world and you have made us to enjoy it and to enjoy being with each other.

Eternal God, we thank you for the example of Jesus. We thank you for the love he shared with all people; we thank you that he showed us the importance of loving you and putting you first in our lives; we thank you that he taught us that we can always say sorry and find a new way of living; we thank you for the care he gave to people in need and for the way he encouraged people who had lost confidence in themselves. We thank you too that he was prepared to suffer and to die in order that his message of love should be shared with the world.

So now we come to this table to remember Jesus and to ask that we might be strengthened to live as he lived. Help us to be faithful followers of his way, sharing his love with all that we meet. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you our deep thanks for this time together, for these symbols that have reminded us of Jesus and for these people we know and love. We now offer you our day to day living. Help us to go out to live as changed people, to walk in the way of Jesus and to share love and kindness with all. **Amen.**

Hymn – R&S 572. Colours of day dawn into the mind

Benediction: The Blessing of St Columba

**Be Thou a bright flame before me,
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be Thou a smooth path below me,
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today and forever. Amen.**