

**St Andrew's with Castle Gate  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Worship led by Revd Andrew Keith**

Welcome and notices

Call to worship 1 Cor 1 26-

Hymn R&S 67 Immortal Invisible

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Reflection The Acorn

Prayers of Approach, Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Reading Isaiah 58: 6-10

Story Let the Rabbits Run

Anthem

Hymn R&S 64 I lift my eyes

Offering thanksgiving

Hymn R&S 30 Father we love you

Prayer for the young people before they leave  
*(Junior Church leave)*

Reading Matthew 5: 13-16

Talk Do the simple things well

Silence

Affirming our faith

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*From United Church of Canada*

Reflection Empire State

Hymn Lord the light of your love is shining (CH4 448)  
In the midst of the darkness, shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
*Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth Your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance,  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me

*Chorus*

*"Lord, the light of your love is shining" by Graham Kendrick*  
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Poem      Fit me in Somewhere

Prayers of Intercession

Bidding: Jesus, Wisdom from God  
**Response: Bring Salt and Light**

**Dear Lord,  
be with me today.  
Listen to my confusion,  
and help me know how to live it.  
I don't know the words.  
I don't know the way.  
Show me the way.  
You are a quiet God.  
Help me to listen to your voice  
in a noisy world  
I want to be with you.  
I know you are peace.  
I know you are joy.  
Help me to be a peaceful  
and joyful person.  
These are the fruits  
of living close to you.  
Bring me close to you,  
dear Lord.  
Amen.**

*By Henri J Nouwen*

<https://quotefancy.com/quote/3250927/Henri-J-M-Nouwen-Dea-Lord-Be-with-me-today-Listen-to-my-confusion-and-help-me-know-how> accessed 030226

Hymn      R&S 344 God of Grace and God of Glory

Blessing      (Spoken Amen)



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

**Living God's love through faith and action**

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 for our youngest friends are available for collection from the vestibule. Please use these in the pews 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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