

St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Sunday 1st March 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent
Worship led by Revd David Featonby

Welcome and Notices

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship Psalm 121

Hymn R&S 123 Think of a world without any flowers
*Seniors and younger children leave for their own time of
worship, returning for Communion*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Confession

Confession said together:

**We confess that we take you for granted,
and seek to reduce our obligations
to rules that are easy to follow.
But in Jesus Christ, you have given us a law
of love above all else.
Forgive us our sins-
those things we have done wrong;
those things we ought to have done, but didn't;
and those things we did, not for your glory
but simply to make us look good.
As your grace towards us is infinite
grant that we would grow stronger in faith and
love.**

Silence

Reading Romans 4: 1-5,13-17

Hymn R&S 195 I danced in the morning

Reading Matthew 17: 1-9

Reflection The Paradox of a Faith Filled Life

Hymn R&S 90 O Lord, all the world belongs to you
Junior Church rejoin us for the rest of the service.

Offertory

Anthem

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

A Celebration of Holy Communion for the whole family

Hymn R&S 453 Let us talents and tongues employ

Welcome & Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Here is the table set for our special meal.
The bread, the juice, prepared and presented.
Ready to be served and shared.*

*We remember Jesus sharing a meal like this
with his disciples, his friends.*

*He included everyone, those he could trust
and those he could not trust.*

*Today we are his disciples, his friends.
Each one of us is welcome.*

*How amazing it is to be loved and wanted even when
we have not been perfect.*

All **How wonderful it is to be included as we are.**

The story of the Last Supper

Prayers of Thanksgiving for all that God has done for us

The Distribution

Prayer after the meal

All **God of love, thank you for strengthening
us with the Bread of Life.
Thank you for forgiving us and giving us
another chance to do what is right.
We promise to be the living Body of Christ,
nourished by this special meal.**

We promise to use our arms, hands, feet, eyes and ears to follow Jesus and make the world a better place for everyone, as you give us strength. Amen.

Hymn

I the Lord of sea and sky (CH4 251)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

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Blessing (spoken Amen)



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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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