

**St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**  
**Worship led by Becky Smith**

Welcome and Notices

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship Genesis 1: 1-2

Hymn R&S 39 All Creatures of our God and King  
 (omit verses 2 & 6)

Opening prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Reading John 4: 1-15

Family talk

Anthem

Hymn Shall we gather at the river  
 Shall we gather at the river?  
 Where bright angel feet have trod  
 With its crystal tide forever  
 Flowing by the throne of God  
*Yes, we'll gather at the river*  
*The beautiful, the beautiful river*  
*Gather with the saints at the river*  
*That flows by the throne of God*

On the margin of the river,  
 Washing up its silver spray,  
 We will talk and worship ever,  
 All the happy golden day.  
*Yes, we'll gather .....*

Ere we reach the shining river,  
 Lay we every burden down;  
 Grace our spirits will deliver,  
 And provide a robe and crown.  
*Yes, we'll gather .....*

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
 Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
 Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
 With the melody of peace.

*Yes, we'll gather .....*

Blessing for the Offertory and for the Junior Church

*Junior Church leave*

Reading Revelation 22: 1-5 & 17

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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Talk Women of Water

Hymn

Living waters

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?  
Come and drink these Living Waters.  
Tired and broken. Peace unspoken  
Rest beside these Living Waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing  
At the cross of Living Waters  
Lay your life down, all the old gone,  
Rise up in these Living Waters

*There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of Living Waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children to the shore line  
Life is in these Living Waters

*There's a river .....*

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?  
Come and drink these Living Waters  
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless  
Christ, He is our Living Water

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intersession

Please use the response: **May your living water flow freely**

Hymn

Beauty for brokenness (CH4 259)

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,  
Lord, in the suffering this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness, His cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth oceans and streams  
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;  
make us content with the things that we need.

*God of the poor . . .*

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame  
until Your justice burns brightly again;  
until the nations learn of Your ways,  
seek Your salvation and bring You their praise.

*God of the poor . . .*

*"Beauty for brokenness" by Graham Kendrick*

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Benediction: Sending and sung Amen