



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

Order of Service - 17 May 2026

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'The one who calls you is faithful.' 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Welcome and notices

Lighting the peace candle

Call to Worship

Please join in the words in bold type, if you wish:

Creator of all,
you are faithful to the world you have made.
I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.
Giver of abundant life, you long for our flourishing.
I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.
Good Shepherd of the sheep, you know us and love us.
I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.
Lord, as we gather in prayer and praise, we ask that
you renew our faith, and form us into one body, ready
to serve you.
Amen.

Hymn – God of freedom, God of justice – R&S 625

Introduction and Fridah's Story Pt 1

Prayers of Approach and Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Bidding: In your mercy,

Response: **forgive us and help us.**

Fridah's Story Pt 2

Reading – Acts 1:6-14

Christian Aid Film

Anthem – “I carry you in my heart”
by Kathy Burdette and Diana Butler

Hymn – Taize chant –
**The Kingdom of God is justice and peace,
and joy in the Holy Spirit!
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your
Kingdom!**
(x3)

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Offertory, Prayer of Thanksgiving and for the Young People

Junior Church and Youth Group leave

Belinda's Story

Reading – John 17:1-11

Hymn – When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

– 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 and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?**

**I was cold, I was naked
Were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?**

**When I needed a shelter
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
And the creed and the colour
And the name won't matter
Were you there?**

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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 and love are for now; and then for
evermore.**

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Prayers of Intercession

Bidding: In your mercy,
Response: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Action

Hymn – Great is thy faithfulness - R&S 96

Sending (spoken Amen)