

St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Sunday 5th July 2026
Worship led by Revd Andrew Keith

Welcome and Notices

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Context of Worship Psalm 23: 1-3

Hymn As the deer pants (CH4 550)
As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield:
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength.....

You're my Friend and you're my Brother
even though you are a king:
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

You alone are my strength....

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Gathering Prayer

I leave aside my shoes
my ambitions

Undo my watch

my timetable

Take off my glasses

my views

Unclip my pen

my work

Put down my keys,

my security

To be with you

Compassionate and loving God.

(Graham Kings Iona Community).

Song

Be Still and Know (we remain seated)

Be still and know that I am God (T CH4 775)

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am God

I am the Lord that heals your need

I am the Lord that heals your need

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In you, O lord, I place my trust

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Reflection Sauntering, Margaret Silf

Prayer of Confession

***Most merciful God, we confess
that we have separated ourselves from you,
that we have not been mindful of your
presence
or lived in your Spirit;
and in our isolation we have lived hurtfully.
We are sorry, and we repent.***

***Forgive our faults, heal our hearts,
and restore us in your grace. Amen.***

Reading Romans 7: 15-25a

All Age Talk

Anthem

Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd...
I will Trust in You Alone (MP 1008)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And I will trust in you alone....

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in you alone....

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Offering Received & Prayer

Gracious God, we give you these gifts as symbols
of our lives.

***Receive them with love,
bless them with grace,
and use them according to your will.
Send us into the world to share all that we
have,
knowing that it is yours,
with joyful and trusting generosity,
in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.***

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Junior Church leave

Reading Matthew 11: 25-30

Talk I will give you rest

Silence

Approach to Communion

Take it easy on yourself, Don Williams

Poem Rest a while

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The context of Communion

At table with those who loved him, and those who
did not;

At table with those who wanted to follow his way,
and those who could not;

At table with those who would be faithful to him,
and those who would not;

Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it saying
'Take and eat. This is my body broken for you'.

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them saying

‘Drink from it all of you

***This is the new relationship with God,
made possible through the shedding of my
blood’.***

The Invitation and Distribution of Communion

(We retain bread and wine to share together)

Poem Ox

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Prayers after Communion

Bidding: ***So we pray***

Response: ***Bring rest, bring peace, bring
newness of life***

Dispersing prayer

After being with you

I take up my shoes

To walk in your ways.

Replace my watch

To live in your time.

Put on my glasses

To look at your world.

Clip on my pen

To note the whisperings of your spirit.

Pick up my keys

To open your doors.

(Graham Kings Iona Community)

Hymn R&S 38 Thou whose almighty word

Dismissal and 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 on the end of the pews. 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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