

St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC

Sunday 4th October 2026

Worship led by Revd Louise Gee

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Across every land and language, God prepares a table of grace.

***We come to taste and see that the Lord is good,
trusting in the love that binds us together.***

God has heard our cries, seen our tears, and invites us to a rich banquet of mercy.

***We come carrying hope and longing, believing again
in belonging.***

In Christ, strangers become siblings, and distant neighbours become one body.

***We gather with the church around the world, one
Spirit, one faith, one Lord.***

***Let us worship the One who welcomes, remembers,
and feeds the whole world with hope.***

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Hymn R&S 339 Great God your love

Opening prayer

Reading: Exodus 16: 2-15

All age talk

Anthem

Hymn R&S 123 Think of a world

Offering, thanksgiving and prayer for the children & young people
Junior Church leave

Reading: John 6: 24-35

Sermon

Hymn R&S 371 Take my life and let it be (T Nottingham)

Invitation

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will be open wide to receive.

***And we will come as children who trust there is
enough.***

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear,

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

***And we will become bread for a hungry world. And
we will become drink for those who thirst.***

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast.

Jan Richardson World Communion Sunday

Hymn Broken for me, broken for you (MP 66)

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

He offered His body, He poured out His soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

Broken for me

Come to My table and with Me dine,
eat of My bread and drink of My wine:

Broken for me,

This is My body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you:

Broken for me

This is My blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new:

Broken for me

*"Broken for me, broken for you" by Janet Lunt © 1978 Sovereign Music UK CCLI
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The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you,
And also with you

Lift up your hearts,
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give him thanks and praise

It is right to praise you Father, Lord of all creation. In your love you made us for yourself, when we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

We give you thanks for your Son, Jesus, who you raised from the dead, and who now stands as the cornerstone of righteousness, the first fruits of the kingdom, and the incomparable prize towards which we press.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends He took bread, and gave you thanks; He broke it and gave it to them, saying, take, eat: this is my body which is given for you do this in remembrance of me.

Father we do this in remembrance of him: His body is the bread of life

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, He gave you thanks, and said: drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me

Father we do this in remembrance of him: His blood is shed for all

As we proclaim his death and celebrate His rising in glory we pray that through your Holy Spirit this bread maybe for us the body of Christ, and this wine, the blood of Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory
hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Breaking

Now as our Lord has commanded us, we do this in remembrance of him.

Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and shared it with his friends.

May the bread of life nourish you, sustain you, strengthen your faith and build you up in hope.

We eat together

Jesus took wine, poured it into a cup, blessed it, and gave it to his friends to drink and remember him for ever.

May Christ's rich wine warm you, uplift you, excite you and flow within you to His praise and glory.

We drink together

Affirmation at the end of the meal

In the one who was broken for you, who binds up your wounds and sends you on your way, restored and renewed – May you find comfort, healing and wholeness.

In the one whose blood was spilled for you, who gives you a new beginning and sends you on your way, remade and redeemed – May you find strength, mercy and love.

In the one who gave his all for you, who turns the water of life into wine and sends you on your way, revived and rekindled – May you find hope, joy and peace. **Amen.**

Hymn R&S 366 And can it be (T Sagina CH4 396)

Blessing (sung Amen)