

**Wallington and St Andrew's URCs**  
**Sunday 13 September 2020**

**Revd Craig Bowman**

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Call to worship

♪ Morning has broken,  
like the first morning.  
Blackbird has spoken,  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing,  
praise for the morning,  
Praise for the springing  
fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall,  
sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall,  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,  
mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light,  
Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day.

*Words: Elenor Farjeon © David Higham  
Associates Ltd, music: trad Scottish. Performance:  
Olivia Safe, BBC Songs of Praise.*

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be  
thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and  
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive  
those that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, the power and the glory, forever  
and ever. Amen.

For all the family –  
Pushing in or pulling out?

♪ Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring  
your love;  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me  
bring hope:  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy.  
*O Master, grant ...*

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to  
eternal life.

*(Repeat last chorus and verse)*

*Words: attributed to St Francis of Assisi, adapted  
by Sebastian Temple; music: Sebastian Temple arr  
Betty Pulkingham, © 2009 World Library  
Publications. Performance: Dragon School,  
Oxford; BBC School Choir of the Year.*

Exodus 14:10-31 – The crossing of the sea  
Matthew 18:21-35 –  
The unmerciful servant

## Sermon

♪ ‘Forgive our sins as we forgive,’  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
But you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart,  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
How small the debts men owe to us  
how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
Then, by your mercy reconciled  
our lives will spread your peace.

*Words: Rosamond Herklot © 1969 Oxford University Press, music: ‘Bradshaw’ (USA, 1820). Performance: Matt Brittain, organist, and singers from Front Street United Methodist Church in Burlington, North Carolina (YouTube).*

## Prayers of intercession

♪ From heaven You came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, Your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load He chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
‘Yet not My will but Yours,’ He said.  
*This is our God ...*

Come see His hands and His feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice;  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God ...*

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthroned Him;  
each other’s needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we’re serving.

*This is our God ...*

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## Blessing

*Closing music: The Lark Spur from Airs for the Seasons by James Oswald, performed by Jane Murdoch, Christine Jackson, John Constable and Christopher Laurence, © and © 1995 Altamira Records.*

*The Bible passages are read by Peter McNamara and Iain Michell, the family talk is by Peter Campbell Smith and the prayers of intercession are led by Alan Cruchley.*