

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 13 September 2020

Revd Craig Bowman

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 Herklots © 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 enthrone Him;
each other’s needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we’re serving.
This is our God ...

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Thankyou Music. Performance: St Michael’s
Singers © 2015 Integrity Music.*

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
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*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.*