

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
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Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ Will you come and follow me if I but call
your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never
be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let
my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in
me?

Will you leave your self behind if I but call
your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be
the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life
attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you
in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call
your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the
same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape
the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you
but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the
same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and
footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and
you in me.

*Words: John Bell and Graham Maule; music: trad arr
John Bell, © WGRG, Iona Community. Performance:
Liverpool Anglican Cathedral for 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 – The kindest, hardest-
working person in the world

♪ O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me:
In every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through
and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

*Words and music: Bernadette Farrell, © 1992
Bernadette Farrell. Performance: Choirs of the Diocese
of Leeds, © 2016 Herald AV.*

1 Samuel 3:1-10 – The Lord calls Samuel
John 1:43-51 –

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

Sermon

♪ Hushed was the evening hymn,
The temple courts were dark;
The lamp was burning dim
Before the sacred ark,
When suddenly a voice divine
Rang through the silence of the shrine.

The old man, meek and mild,
The priest of Israel, slept;
His watch the temple child,
The little Levite, kept:
And what from Eli's sense was sealed
The Lord to Hannah's son revealed.

O give me Samuel's ear,
The open ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of thy word -
Like him to answer at thy call,
And to obey thee first of all.

O give me Samuel's heart,
A lowly heart, that waits
Wherein thy house thou art,
Or watches at thy gates;
By day and night, a heart that still
Moves at the breathing of thy will.

O give me Samuel's mind,
A sweet, un murmuring faith,
Obedient and resigned
To thee in life and death,
That I may read with childlike eyes
Truths that are hidden from the wise.

*Words: James Burns, music: Arthur Sullivan.
Performance: Scottish Festival Singers, Ian McCrorie
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Prayers of intercession

♪ I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord ...

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord ...

*Words and music: Daniel L Schutte © 1981 OCP
Publications. Performance: Beyond the Walls Choir,
Michael Karpowicz (piano), Toronto.*

Blessing

*Closing music: Prelude to Gli uccelli (The birds) by
Ottorino Respighi, played by the Australian Chamber
Orchestra conducted by Christopher Lyndon-Gee,
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*The Bible passages are read by Jeanette Hopkins and
Jenni Dickinson and our prayers of intercession are led
by Sheila Cruchley.*