

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 7 February 2021

Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and
our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and
your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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 who
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 – Memories

Isaiah 40:21-31 – Do you not know?
Mark 1:29-39 – Jesus heals many

♪ At even, ere the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around thee lay;
O in what divers pains they met!
O with what joy they went away!

Once more 'tis eventide, and we
Oppressed with various ills draw near;
What if thy form we cannot see?
We know and feel that thou art here.

O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel;
For some are sick, and some are sad,
And some have never loved thee well,
And some have lost the love they had;

And some have found the world is vain,
Yet from the world they break not free;
And some have friends who give them pain,
Yet have not sought a friend in thee;

And none, O Lord, have perfect rest,
For none are wholly free from sin;
And they who fain would serve thee best
Are conscious most of wrong within.

Thy touch has still its ancient power;
No word from thee can fruitless fall:
Hear, in this solemn evening hour,
And in thy mercy heal us all.

*Words: Henry Wells (adapted), music: Georg Joseph.
Performance: Norwich Cathedral Choir, David Dunnett
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Sermon

Prayers of intercession

Invitation to Communion

♪ Put peace into each other's hands
And like a treasure hold it,
Protect it like a candle-flame,
With tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands
Like bread we break for sharing;
Look people warmly in the eye:
Our life is meant for caring.

As at communion, shape your hands
Into a waiting cradle;
The gift of Christ receive, revere,
United round the table.

Put Christ into each other's hands,
He is love's deepest measure;
In love make peace, give peace a chance,
And share it like a treasure.

*Words: Fred Kaan, music: trad Irish, © Stainer & Bell
Ltd. Performance: Cornerstone Choir of Milton Keynes
City Church via YouTube.*

Communion

♪ Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
All our weakness Thou dost know:
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

*Words: James Edmeston, music: F Filitz. Performance:
BBC Songs of Praise.*

Blessing

*Closing music: Gavotte from the Ballet Suite no 3 by
Dmitri Shostakovitch performed by the Royal Scottish
National Orchestra conducted by Neeme Järvi,
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*The family talk is by Rosemairi Evison, the Bible
passages are read by Ian Philippe and Clare
McNamara and our prayers of intercession are led by
Nigel Macdonald.*