

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 28 February 2021

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Call to worship

♪ New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.

New mercies each returning day
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course, our mind
Be set to hallow all we find.
New treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task
Could furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray.

Words: John Keble, music: Samuel Webbe.
Performance: Choir of Sheffield Cathedral, Neil Taylor,
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Prayers 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 – Amazing!

♪ Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart: it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances Havergal, music: Wolfgang Mozart.
Performance: St Michael's Singers, Paul Ledington
Wright, conductor © Classic Fox Records.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 – God speaks to Abram
Mark 8:31-38 – The way of the cross

Sermon

♪ To Abraham and Sarah
The call of God was clear:
'Go forth and I will show you
A country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey,
For I have pledged my word
That you shall be my people
And I will be your God.'

From Abraham and Sarah
Arose a pilgrim race,
Dependent for their journey
On God's abundant grace;
And in their heart was written
By God this saving word:
That 'You shall be my people
And I will be your God.'

We of this generation
On whom God's hand is laid,
Can journey to the future
Secure and unafraid,
Rejoicing in God's goodness
And trusting in this word:
That 'You shall be my people
And I will be your God.'

*Words: Judith Fetter ©, music: John Mannin (attrib).
Performance: Clyde McClellan, Louise Bowman.*

Prayers of intercession

♪ I want to walk with Jesus Christ
All the days I live of this life on earth,
To give to Him complete control
Of body and of soul.
*Follow Him, follow Him,
Yield your life to Him -
He has conquered death,
He is King of kings;
Accept the joy which He gives to those
Who yield their lives to Him.*

I want to learn to speak to Him
To pray to Him, confess my sin,
To open my life and let Him in,
For joy will then be mine.
Follow Him ...

I want to learn to speak of Him;
My life must show that He lives in me;
My deeds, my thoughts, my words must
speak
All of His love for me.
Follow Him ...

I want to learn to read His word,
For this is how I know the way
To live my life as pleases Him
In holiness and joy.
Follow Him ...

O Holy Spirit of the Lord
Enter now into this heart of mine;
Take full control of my selfish will
And make me wholly Thine!
Follow Him ...

*Words: C Simmonds © 1964, music: trad Swiss arr Phil
Burt © 1985. Performance: Divine Hymns.*

Blessing

*Closing music: General Lavine – eccentric by Claude
Debussy, played by Dino Ciani, © 1997 Deutsche
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*The family talk is by Maggie Macdonald, the Bible
passages are read by Jeanette Hopkins and Nigel
Dickinson and our prayers of intercession are led by
Sheila Cruchley.*