

**Wallington and St Andrew's URCS**  
**Sunday 21 March 2021**

**Revd Craig Bowman**

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Call to worship

♪ Awake, awake to love and work,  
The lark is in the sky,  
The fields are wet with diamond dew,  
The worlds awake to cry  
Their blessings on the Lord of life,  
As he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,  
Shout with their shout of praise;  
See how the giant sun soars up,  
Great Lord of years and days!  
So let the love of Jesus come,  
And set thy soul ablaze.

To give and give and give again  
What God has given thee,  
To spend thyself nor count the cost,  
To serve right gloriously  
The God who gave all worlds that are,  
And all that are to be.

*Words: Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, music: trad German. Performance: BBC Songs of Praise.*

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 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 – Choices

♪ It is a thing most wonderful,  
Almost too wonderful to be,  
That God's own Son should come from  
heaven  
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true;  
He chose a poor and humble lot,  
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died,  
For love of those who loved him not.

I sometimes think about the cross,  
And shut my eyes and try to see  
The cruel nails and crown of thorns,  
And Jesus crucified for me.

It is most wonderful to know  
His love for me so free and sure;  
But 'tis more wonderful to see  
My love for Him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
And I will love thee more and more,  
Until I see thee as thou art.

*Words: William How, music: trad English. Performance: BBC Songs of Praise.*

Jeremiah 31:31-34 – A new covenant  
John 12:20-33 – Jesus predicts his death

Sermon

♪ Tree of life and awesome mystery,  
In your death we are reborn,  
Though you die in all of history,  
Still you rise with every morn,  
Still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
May we see ourselves in you,  
If we learn to live your story,  
We may die to rise anew,  
We may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken,  
Love passed on through act and word,  
Every person, lost and broken  
Wears the body of our Lord,  
Wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
Come inflame our hearts anew,  
We may all your joy inherit,  
If we bear the cross with you,  
If we bear the cross with you.

Christ you lead and we shall follow,  
Stumbling though our steps may be,  
One with you in joy and sorrow,  
We the river, you the sea,  
We the river, you the sea.

*Words, music and performance: Marty Haugen. Words and music © 1984 GIA Publications Inc.*

#### Prayers of intercession

♪ Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written  
Full clear on every page.  
Thy people owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely  
To guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardoned, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us,  
The victory shall be won.  
And then, by all creation  
Thy name shall be adored,  
And this shall be our anthem:  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

*Words: Edward Plumptre, music: Basil Harwood © Executors of the late Basil Harwood. Performance: Huddersfield Choral Society, Gregory Batsleer (cond), Christopher Stokes (organ), © 2019 Signum Records.*

#### Blessing

*Closing music: Crux fidelis possibly by King João IV of Portugal, sung by Oxford Camerata, Jeremy Summerly (cond), © and © 1994 HNH International Ltd.*

*Translation: Faithful cross, among them all, the one noble tree. The wood offers nothing so great in flower, foliage or shoot. Sweet wood, sweet nail, sustaining sweet weight.*

*The family talk is by Sophie Easton, the Bible passages are read by Laura Barker and Elaine MacDowall and our prayers of intercession are led by Ian Philippe.*