

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 23 May 2021

Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ O breath of life, come sweeping
through us,
Revive thy church with life and power;
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us
And fit thy church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in thy tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore - for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come love of Christ afresh to win us,
Revive thy church in every part!

Words: Elizabeth Head, music: Mary Jane Hammond.
Performance: The London Fox Singers, © 2011 Classic
Fox Records.

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 – Happy birthday!

♪ *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,*
Gentle as is the dove;
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love!

You spoke to us long, long ago,
Gave us the written word;
We read it still, needing its truth,
Through it God's voice is heard.
Spirit of God ...

Without your help we fail our Lord,
We cannot live his way;
We need your power, we need your strength,
Following Christ each day.
Spirit of God ...

Words: Margaret Old, music: trad Scottish, © 1971
Scripture Union. Performance: Stockbridge Church,
Edinburgh, BBC Songs of Praise.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 – The valley of dry bones
Acts 2:1-21 – The Holy Spirit comes

Sermon

♪ Come down, O love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Bianco da Siena altd Richard Littledale, music:
Ralph Vaughan Williams. Performance: St Elisabeth's
Church, Reddish, BBC Songs of Praise.

Prayers of intercession

♪ Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
Taught by thee, we covet most,
Of thy gifts at Pentecost,
Holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind and suffers long,
Love is meek and thinks no wrong,
Love than death itself more strong:
Therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight,
Hope be emptied in delight,
Love in heaven will shine more bright:
Therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
Joining hand in hand agree;
But the greatest of the three,
And the best, is love.

Prophecy will fade away,
Melting in the light of day;
Love will ever with us stay:
Therefore give us love.

From the overshadowing
Of thy gold and silver wing
Shed on us, who to thee sing,
Holy, heavenly love.

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth, music: John Stainer.
Performance: Choir of St Chad's Cathedral,
Birmingham, David Saint cond, Nigel Morris organ,
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Blessing

Closing music: *O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts* by Thomas Tallis (ca 1570), sung by the virtual choir of St Michael and All Angels Church, Bassett, Southampton.

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name all the days of our life: that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

The family talk is by Rosemairi Evison, the Bible readings are by Janet Willis and Jenni Dickinson and our prayers of intercession are led by Sheila Cruchley.