

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 30 May 2021

Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise
to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down
before thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness
hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory
may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Words: Reginald Heber, music: John Bacchus Dykes.
Performance: unstated, © and © 2009 Concordia
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Prayers and Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your
name. Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us
from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

For all the family – Can you remember?

♪ Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the
holy one, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence
and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy
ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy
one, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining
all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he
is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant king
of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining
all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in
this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister
his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive
from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in
this place.

*Words and music: David Evans © 1986 Thankyou
Music. Performance: The London Fox Choir © 2014
Elevation.*

Romans 8:12-17 – We are God's children
John 3:1-17 – Jesus teaches Nicodemus

Sermon

♪ Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory
Cascades through life in overflowing grace,
To tell creation's meaning in the story
Of love evolving love from time and space.

Eternal Son of God, uniquely precious,
In you, deserted, scorned, crucified,
God's love has fathomed sin and death's
 deep darkness,
And flawed humanity is glorified.

Eternal Spirit, with us like a mother,
Embracing us in love serene and pure:
You nurture strength to follow Christ
 our brother,
As full-grown children, confident and sure.

Love's trinity, self-perfect, self-sustaining;
Love which commands, enables, and obeys:
You give yourself, in boundless joy, creating
One vast increasing harmony of praise.

We ask you now, complete your image in us;
This love of yours, our source and guide
 and goal.
May love in us seek love and serve love's
 purpose,
Till we ascend with Christ and find love whole.

*Words: Alan Gaunt, music: David Evans, © 1991
Stainer & Bell Ltd. Performance: Paul Robinson.*

Prayers of intercession

♪ 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: Friedrich Filitz.
Performance: BBC Songs of Praise.*

Blessing

Closing music: Final chorale from Bach's Cantata BWV 129, composed for Trinity Sunday 1727 and performed by Mainz Cathedral choir and orchestra directed by Karsten Storck.

Translation: To whom we now let 'holy' ring forth with joy, and with the throng of angels sing 'holy, holy'; who is heartily honoured and praised by all of Christianity: praised be my God in all eternity!
Johann Olearius 1665 tr Pamela Dellal

The family talk is by Phil Hyde, the Bible readings are by Chris Jackson and Rosemairi Evison and our prayers of intercession are led by Nigel Macdonald.