

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 17 May 2020

The Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and
small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the
tree,
And wither and perish; but naught
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth
thee.

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, music: trad
Welsh. Public domain. Performance: Choir and
congregation of Halifax Minster; BBC Songs of
Praise.*

Prayer, and Lord's prayer:

Our Father which 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 – A best friend

♪ Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring
your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me
bring hope:
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master, grant ...

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal
life.

(Repeat last chorus and verse)

*Words: attributed to St Francis of Assisi, adapted
by Sebastian Temple; music: Sebastian Temple arr
Betty Pulkingham, © 2009 World Library
Publications. Performance: Dragon School,
Oxford; BBC School Choir of the Year.*

Acts 17:22-31 –

Paul speaks to the Athenians

John 14:15-21 –

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

Sermon

♪ God's spirit is in my heart;
He has called me and set me apart;
This is what I have to do –
What I have to do:

*He sent me to bring the good news to
the poor,
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners
no more,
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free,
And go tell everyone
The news that the kingdom of God
has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,
So I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses throughout the world –
The whole of the world:

He sent me to bring ...

Don't worry what you have to say;
Don't worry, because on that day
God's spirit will speak in your heart –
Will speak in your heart:

He sent me to bring ...

God's spirit is in our hearts
He has called us to serve the poor
This is what we have to do –
What we have to do:

He sent me to bring ...

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Pulkingham, Paul Bateman © 1967 Oxford
University Press, © 1969 Vanguard Music
Company. Performance: Missionary Oblates of
Mary Immaculate, Assumption Province, iMovie,
Omiap Films and Freshsox.*

Prayers of intercession

♪ Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my
spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm
has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name - the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put
to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure:
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forever more!

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University Press. Performance: Grace Community
Church, Sun Valley, California.*

Blessing

*Closing music: If ye love me by Thomas Tallis,
sung by The Tallis Scholars directed by Peter
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*The Bible passages are read by Ian Philippe and
Clare McNamara. The family message is from
Rosemairi Evison and our prayers of intercession
are led by Betty Ntow-Aninkora.*

**There will be a short reflective service for
Ascension Day, next Thursday 21 May
at 7.30pm.**