

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
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Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ God is love, his the care,
Tending each, everywhere.
God is love - all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
That we all might know him.

Sing aloud, loud, loud!
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God is good! God is truth!
God is beauty! Praise him!

None can see God above;
Jesus shows how to love.
Thus may we Godward move,
Joined as sisters, brothers,
Finding him in others.

Sing aloud, loud, loud ...

To our Lord praise we sing:
Light and life, friend and King,
Coming down love to bring,
Pattern for our duty,
Showing God in beauty:

Sing aloud, loud, loud ...

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Prayer 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 – Mr and Mrs Sower

♪ Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From his field shall in that day
All offences purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
To your final harvest home;
Gather all your people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In your presence to abide;
Come, with all your angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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Genesis 25:19-34 – The sons of Isaac

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 –

The parable of the sower and his seed

Sermon

♪ There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty,
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make His love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness
With a zeal He will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be illumined
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

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Prayers of intercession

♪ We will meet when the danger is over,
we will meet when the sad days are done;
we will meet sitting closely together
and be glad our tomorrow has come.
We will join to give thanks and sing gladly,
we will join to break bread and share
wine;
and the peace that we pass to each other
will be more than a casual sign.

So let's make with each other a promise
that when all we've come through
is behind,
we will share what we missed and
find meaning
in the things that once troubled our mind.
Until then may we always discover
faith and love to determine our way.
That's our hope and God's will and
our calling
for our lives and for every new day.

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Blessing

*The Bible passages are read by Peter McNamara
and Nigel Macdonald, the family talk is by Phil
Hyde, Sheila and Alan Cruchley and our prayers of
intercession are led by Betty Ntow-Aninkora.*

Closing music: *Take care of me written and
performed by John Hayles, with Nina Corlett-
McDonald, vocalist.*