

The Church at Carrs Lane

**Christian Aid Sunday
19 May 2019**

Worship is led by
Christine and Simon Rowntree



*We are an inclusive and affirming Church.
You are welcome just as you are.*

Opening music (*played by Tim Batty*):

Intermezzo in A, Op. 118, No. 2

(*J Brahms*)

STANDING TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

Welcome and Introduction

Call to worship: Revelation 7:9-17

Leader: They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

All: Blessing and glory

Leader: the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

All: and wisdom and thanksgiving

Leader: for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

All: and honour and power and might

Leader: and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

All: be to our God for ever and ever!

Leader: and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

All: Amen.

Introduction to

Hymn 249: Jesu, Jesu

Prayers of approach

The Lord's Prayer (modern – led)

Psalm 148 (responsive from StF 838)

Hymn 707: Make me a channel of your peace

Readings: Revelation 21: 1-6

(Ann Parkin)

John 13: 31-35

(Matthew Neville)

Film

Reflection

Music for Reflection: Largo from Xerxes, HWV 40

(G F Handel)

Prayers of lament and confession

Hymn

(Fred Kaan)

**Surrounded by a world of need,
by cries for healing, housing, bread,
our mind is given to despair
and hope is undermined by war.**

**Yet through the fabric of our time
there runs the liberating theme**

**of love that makes the world go round,
of love creative and profound.**

**This love is in the face of Christ,
in human life, made manifest;
its strong intent will conquer all,
it raises people when they fall.**

**Then help us, God, to understand
the claims and blessings of your plan
and use, to bring your reign about,
those in the Church and those without.**

Offering of ourselves and our gifts

An opportunity to give financially to the church. There is no obligation to give, it is just as you decide or are able.

Music: Interlude in G *(M Higgins)*

Prayers of gratitude and concern *(Stuart Dyer)*

Hymn 297: Christ is Alive

Christian Aid Week Prayer *(Stuart Dyer)*

Commissioning prayer and blessing
[If able, congregation to stand.]

Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.
No one will snatch them out of my hand.”

(John 10: 27-28)

Listen now to the Shepherd’s voice:
follow him where he might lead us this week,
whether to green pastures or by still waters

to street collections, coffee mornings to sponsored bus rides, or walks.

**Wherever we follow him
May we all be midwives of hope
Bringing fullness of life
To our communities
And standing together
For equality
For dignity
For justice
In the world**

Go now to love and serve the Lord and the world God so loves.

Hymn 487: You shall go out with Joy

Blessing

**And as we go,
may we know that we are held secure in the palm of
the Shepherd's hand,
through all the days of this week and our whole
life through.
In the name of the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.
*Amen.***

Closing music: Trumpet Tune (M Greene)

Thanks to Ella Bridges (Trumpet) for playing today.

You are welcome to go through to the foyer for a cuppa. If you are visiting or it's your first time here, please introduce yourself to a steward.

Flowers are by Pat Davies