

**The Church at Carrs Lane**

**Sunday 1 September July**

## **Communion Service**

Today's service is led by Cristina Cipriani,  
Neil Johnson and Ruth Yorke

***We are an inclusive and affirming Church.***

***You are welcome just as you are.***

Today we are using 'Singing the Faith'

Opening music

Adagio (from Sonata in C Minor, Op. 56) by F A Guilmant

Welcome

Introit:            I wait for the Lord  
                         My soul doth wait for him,  
                         And in his word do I hope.

*(by E H Thiman)*

Call to worship

**Hymn 8:     God with us**

Prayers

Thanksgiving

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

(Chris Yorke)

Message

**Hymn 727: God in his love for us**

Luke 14:1 and 14:7-14

(Donald Payne)

Message

Anthem: Thou art God

Thou art the peace of all things calm,  
Thou art the place to hide from harm,  
Thou art the light that shines in dark,  
Thou art the heart's eternal spark,  
Thou art the door that's open wide,  
Thou art the guest who waits inside,  
Thou art the stranger at the door,  
Thou art the calling of the poor.

Thou art my Lord and with me still,  
Thou art my love, keep me from ill,  
Thou art the light, the truth, the way.  
Thou art my Saviour this very day.

(Text: D Adam. Music: L Bourne)

Offering

*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 E-Flat by S Karg-Elert*

Prayers for others, Lord's Prayer

(Jill Veitch)

**Hymn 652: Lord we come to ask your healing**

Communion

*The bread is gluten-free and the wine in small cups is non-alcoholic. All are welcome.*

Grace and peace to you from God

**God fill you with truth and joy**

The Lord is here, **God's Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts, **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

**It is right to offer thanks and praise**

It is right indeed, ever-living God, to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. He made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world.

Therefore, we proclaim your great and glorious name, saying, **'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest'**.

On the night before he died, he took bread; when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.'

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, 'Drink this all for you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.'

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen**

We break this bread and drink this cup to share in the body of Christ **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup**

We share Communion.

## **Hymn 116: Sing for God's Glory**

Blessing

**God be our comfort and strength,  
God be our hope and support,  
God be our light and our way;**

and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, be with us now and forever. Amen.

*An Order of Service of Holy Communion  
from the Church of New Zealand  
Music: How lovely are thy dwellings  
(from 'Requiem') by J Brahms, arr. N Warren*

Closing music: Recessional by W Mathias

*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.*



Thank you to Jan and Peter Searle for the flowers today