

The Church at Carrs Lane
Sunday 3 November 2019

Commitment for Life Service with Holy Communion

**with Revd Cristina Cipriani
and Revd Diana Cullum-Hall**

Commitment
for **Life**

Life-giving Faith | Defiant Hope | Generous Love

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

Today we are using 'Rejoice and Sing'

Opening Music

Trumpet Tune & Air by H Purcell

Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' by R Vaughan Williams

Welcome and notices

Introit: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as conquers death.
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes a guest.
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

*Words: G Herbert, Music: R Vaughan Williams
From Common Ground, No. 24*

Call to worship

Hymn 107: The love of God comes close

Lord's Prayer

Anthem: Lord, I trust thee

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying,
For the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me,
May my soul be blended with thee.

*Words: B Brockes
tr. D Darlow
Music: G F Handel*

Introduction

Hymn 90: O Lord, all the world belongs to you

Readings:

Genesis 1: 20 - 25

(Christine Rowntree)

Luke 19: 1 - 10

(Simon Rowntree)

A monologue based on the reading from Luke

Hymn: I dream of a church

**I dream of a church that joins in with God's laughing
as she rocks in her rapture enjoying her art:
she's glad of her world, in its risking and growing:
'tis the child she has borne and holds close to her heart.**

**I dream of a church that joins in with God's weeping
as she crouches, weighed down by the sorrow she sees:
she cries for the hostile, the cold and no hoping,
for she bears in herself our despair and disease.**

**I dream of a church that joins in with God's dancing
as she moves like the wind and the wave and the fire:
a church that can pick up its skirts, pirouetting,
with the steps that can signal God's deepest desire.**

**I dream of a church that joins in with God's loving
as she bends to embrace the unlovely and lost,
a church that can free, by its sharing and daring,
the imprisoned and poor, and then shoulder the cost.**

**God, make us a church that joins in with your living,
as you cherish and challenge, rein in and release,
a church that is winsome, impassioned, inspiring:
lioness of your justice, and lamb of your peace.**

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IL 60188 Kate Compston. Tune: Streets of Laredo*

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Offering and dedication

*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 F-sharp minor by A Moore

Prayers of intercession

(Diana Cullum-Hall)

Hymn 329: There's a spirit in the air

Communion

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

*Music: Choral paraphrase on
'Attende Domine' by J Demessieux*

Holy Communion

The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

The Invitation

The Narrative

The Thanksgiving

Leader: God is with us

ALL: GOD IS WITH US

Leader: We give thanks and praise to God!

ALL: WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD!

For all these gifts we thank you, and we join with all your people on earth and in heaven, in joyful praise:

Leader: Hosanna!

ALL: HOSANNA!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

ALL: BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

Leader: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

ALL: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN!

We praise you...

...in love for us and the empty tomb declares your love stronger than death.

Leader: Christ has died!

ALL: CHRIST HAS DIED!

Leader: Christ is risen!

ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN!

Leader: Christ will come again!

ALL: CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN!

Leader: Eat this bread. It is the bread of life.

Drink this wine. It is the cup of blessing

Thanks be to God for his gift beyond words.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD FOR GOD'S GIFT
BEYOND WORDS**

Post-communion prayer

Hymn 371: Take my life

Blessing

Closing music

Finale from 'Music for the Royal Fireworks' by G F Handel,
arranged by N Rawsthorne

*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 Julie Grove for today's flowers

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