

The Church at Carrs Lane

Service of Holy Communion

With Revd Cristina Cipriani

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

Today we are using 'Singing the Faith'

Throughout the service please join in
where you see **bold** type

Opening Music:

Prelude in F, Set I, Op. 101, by C V Stanford

Welcome

(Derek Duffield)

Introit: Seek ye the Lord
Seek ye the Lord while he may be
found:
call ye upon him while he is near.

(G Thalben-Ball
Laudate Dominum: A Collection of Introits, Book I)

Call to worship from Psalm 146:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will
sing praises to my God all my life long.**

**Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals,
in whom there is no help.**

When their breath departs, they return to the
earth; on that very day their plans perish.

**Happy are those whose help is the God of
Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all
that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed; who
gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the
prisoners free;

**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The
Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the
Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds

the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Hymn 88: Praise the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem: Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
for his mercies ay endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:
for his mercies ay endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:
he the golden-tressèd sun
caused all day his course to run.

All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:
for his mercies ay endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

*(Words: John Milton (1608-74)
Music: Clive Walkley)*

Hymn 407: Hear the call of the kingdom

Scripture Readings:

Micah 6:1-8

(Caroline Homan)

Matthew 5:1-12

(Martin Stokes)

Sermon

Hymn 245: Blest are they, the lowly ones

Offering and Prayer

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

[Music: Interlude in F Minor, by D Terry]

Prayers of intercession

(Andrew Veitch)

Hymn 575: Before I take the body of my Lord

The Holy Communion

(served by the Elders)

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!**

Loving God, the world you made is
beautiful and full of wonder....

....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 that we are here today, around the table of Jesus. We have heard the good news of your love; the cross is the sign of your arms stretched out 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!

Hymn 654: The love of God come close

Benediction

**May we know the strength of Christ in our
low moments,
and in our challenging moments.
May we know the wisdom of Christ in our
difficult moments,
and in our questioning moments.
May we know the love of Christ in all our
moments,
that we may rejoice in our worth and be
empowered in our discipleship –
this week and always.**

(Adapt. from Roots on the web)

Closing Music:

Toccata in Seven, by J Rutter

**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 Maureen Brown for today's
flowers and for an opportunity to remember
Ron, who was a dear friend to many of us and
a faithful member of Carrs Lane.



Thank you to Tim Batty and the choir for the
music



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