

The Church at Carrs Lane
Sunday, 9th February 2020

Racial Justice Sunday

With Rev Dr Neil Johnson

***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

Introductory Voluntary & Allegretto, by H Blair

Suite from 'Henry V', 3rd Movement, by W Walton, arr. R
Gower

Welcome & Notices

(Ann Parkin)

Call to Worship: (Based on Isaiah 6:1-13)

God of the past, present and the future at the start of the New Year, we look back with a sense of boldness and a thankful heart. We give thanks that you keep your promises, taking care of the poor, the weak, the oppressed and the marginalised. This day, generous God, we are listening for your call. *(by Zaidie Orr)*

**Hymn 17: With gladness we worship,
rejoice as we sing**

Prayers: 'A Shout' *(by Jill Brown)*

In opening our hearts to your grace generous
God

may we become your goodness

By faithfully following your way, Jesus our friend

may we live out your way of goodness

Make justice and compassion real in our lives,
Spirit of God

so that our lives may embody goodness

And may in the giving and receiving

may all overflow with your grace

We offer our prayer in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

(by Michael Jagessar alt.)

Hymn 783: Ubi caritas et amor

Prayer for our Junior Church

Why celebrate Racial Justice Sunday?

Introduction to the Reading

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138:

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**8 The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures
forever.**

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Introduction to Reading

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-13

(Liz Cummings)

Hymn: (tune: Mannheim)

In a world of rank injustice,
selfishness beyond control,
still the prophet sees this vision:
God in glory, standing tall,
otherness beyond perfection,
goodness glimpsed as all in all.

All our world is imperfection,
silenced, now, before God's throne;
yet a purifying fire
let's the prophet speak alone,
speak for God against injustice,
speak until God's will is done.

Prophets speak, but who will listen?
Who will hear and understand?
Who has ears to hear God's message
echoing across the land?
Can we hear God cry for justice,
turn for healing by God's hand?

Surely, now, we need God's message,
teaching us to share God's care,
helping us to live with justice,
loving others ev'rywhere?

Let us hear prophetic voices –
change us, heal us, that's our prayer!

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Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

(Amina Stokes)

Address: 'Full Life for All'

Prayer:

God-who-disrupts-our-neat-boundaries,
you whose truth is larger than we are
by your presence and through your Spirit
enlarge our minds and hearts
so that we may seek truth,
catch a glimpse of truth,
hear truth, learn truth,
tell truth, live truth

– your truth of the way of full life for all.

(by Michael Jagessar)

Offering

An opportunity to give financially to the church.

*There is no obligation to give,
it is as you decide or are able.*

[Music: Interlude VIII, by Dom G Murray]

Hymn 703: In an age of twisted values

Prayers of Intercession

(Julie King)

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 715: The right hand of God

Blessing:

God of love,

**shine in our lives, so that others will see
your love**

God of peace,

**strengthen our faith to be bold in the face of
adversity**

God of joy,

**bless us as we go out in joy to love and to
serve.**

And may God's blessing be with us now and
always.

(by Zaidie Orr alt.)

Closing Music

Exultemus, by N Rawthorne

**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 Pat Davies for today's flowers.



Thank you to Tim Batty for the musical
accompaniment.



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