



**The Church at Carrs Lane  
Sunday 8 March 2020**

# **Sunday Morning Worship**

**Lent 2: Forgiveness and Growth**

Led by Revd 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:

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele ("Deck thyself, my soul,  
with gladness"), by C Piutti, arr. R Langley

To a Wild Rose, by E MacDowell, arr. A Smith

Welcome & Notices

*(Malcolm Veitch)*

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-3

## **Hymn 39: Angel voices ever singing**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

## **Hymn 238: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

Prayer for Our Junior Church

Address: 'Quarantine'

## **Responsive Reading: Psalm 34**

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me,  
**and let us exalt his name together.**
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 **Look to him, and be radiant;**  
**so your faces shall never be ashamed.**
- 6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.
- 7 **The angel of the Lord encamps**  
**around those who fear him, and delivers them.**
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
**happy are those who take refuge in him.**
- 9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
**for those who fear him have no want.**
- 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
**but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

- 11 Come, O children, listen to me ;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Which of you desires life,  
and covets many days to enjoy good ?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good ;  
seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 **The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their cry.**
- 16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers,  
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 **When the righteous cry for help, the Lord  
hears,  
and rescues them from all their troubles.**
- 18 The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,  
and saves the crushed in spirit.
- 19 **Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord rescues them from them all.**
- 20 He keeps all their bones ;  
**not one of them will be broken.**
- 21 Evil brings death to the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be  
condemned.
- 22 **The Lord redeems the life of his servants ;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be  
condemned.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19

*(Anne Veitch)*

Gospel: Matthew 12:30-37

*(Donald Payne)*

Sermon: 'The Accountability of Lent'

**Hymn 499: Lord God, your love has called us here**

Offering

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

[Interlude in C Minor, by D Terry]

Quotations from *The True Wilderness* by H A Williams

**Hymn 525: Look around you, can you see?**

Prayers of Intercession (Ali Hyde)

The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 415: The Church of Christ in every age**

The Grace: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen  
*(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

Closing Music:

Prelude in F Minor, BWV 534, by J S Bach

**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 George Richards for today's flowers arranged  
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