



The Church at Carrs Lane
Sunday 17 October 2021
with Revd Cristina Cipriani



Welcome and announcements

Call to worship Psalm 23

*please join in the **bold** type parts.*

The Lord is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Prayer

Almighty and powerful God

Satisfy us with your steadfast love

that we may rejoice and be glad all our days,

and gain a wise heart.

Let us come and meet God who loves us and is all we need.

Come, let us rejoice and be glad as we worship together. Amen

Hymn (Singing the Faith) 81 Now thank we all our God

- 1 **Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices ;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**
- 2 **O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us ;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)

translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)

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Prayer

Loving God, you know us better than we
know ourselves.
As we come together in prayer,
help us to explore our relationship with
you.
May your words and challenges strengthen
and affirm us.
May your love sustain us and guide us.
as we come today with our ponderings.
Teach us with words of eternal life.
God of all relationships,
God of solved problems,
you care so much for each one of us
whether our problems feel tiny,
and hardly worth bothering you with,
or huge
you are always there for us.

Silence

We offer them to you now and ask that you will forgive us and show us new ways to always put
you first. Whatever that may take. Grant us your wisdom, God. Amen.

As we confess to you, we are reminded that
All things are possible with God.

You call us to yourself and bless us with the assurance that our sins are completely washed
away in you.

We thank you for your forgiveness
in the name of our Saviour, Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

Thank you for reminding us that
All things are possible with you most
mighty God,
you are the God of eternal life,
you are always at the heart of all our
concerns.

Accept our worship and our praise mighty
God.

While we are worshipping, we must
confess, gracious God, that there are so
many things that can get in the way of our
relationship with you.

We spend few moments thinking of those
things.

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is* to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another,* 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,* who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Sermon

Hymn (Singing the Faith) 673: Will you come and follow me

1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name ?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same ?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me ?

2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name ?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same ?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare ?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me ?

3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name ?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same ?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean

in you and you in me ?

4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name ?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same ?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me ?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

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Prayer for the collection

All our possessions are worthless
unless dedicated to you.
All our belongings are of no value,
if owned with thankless hearts.
So we offer back to you what was always yours, asking for your blessing.
The Lord gives and the Lord takes away.
Blessed be the name of God forever.

Hymn (Singing the Faith) 566: Take my life and let it be

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| <p>1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee ;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p> <p>2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love ;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.</p> <p>3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King ;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.</p> | <p>4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold ;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.</p> <p>5 Take my will, and make it thine ;
it shall be no longer mine ;
take my heart — it is thine own ;
it shall be thy royal throne.</p> <p>6 Take my love ; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store ;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.</p> |
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Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879)

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Benediction

Loving God, who sees us and loves us just as we are,
be with us and go with us,
guide us and challenge us
to draw closer to you,
and to be and live more like Christ
empowered by your Holy Spirit.
Amen.



***The flowers in church today are a gift from Jean Ashford in memory of her parents,
Roy and Bet Leadbeater, long-time members of Carrs Lane,
who are remembered with affection.***

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