



The Church at Carrs Lane
SUNDAY 22nd May 2022
Led by Donald Ker
Music: Tim Batty



Call to worship:

Leader: They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
All: Blessing and glory
Leader: the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
All: and wisdom and thanksgiving
Leader: for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
All: and honour and power and might
Leader: and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
All: be to our God for ever and ever!
Leader: and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
All: Amen.

Hymn 14 (Singing the Faith): “Sing to him in whom creation...”

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| <p>1 Sing to him in whom creation
found its shape and origin ;
Spirit, moving on the waters
troubled by the God within ;
source of breath to all things breathing,
life in whom all lives begin.</p> <p>2 Sing to God, the close companion
of our inmost thoughts and ways ;
who, in showing us his wonders,
is himself the power to gaze,
and his will, to those who listen,
by a still small voice conveys.</p> <p>3 Holy people, priests and prophets
caught his accents, spoke his word ;
his the truth behind the wisdoms
which as yet know not our Lord ;
he the love of God eternal,
which in Christ was seen and heard.</p> | <p>4 Tell of how the ascended Jesus
armed a people for his own ;
how a hundred men and women
turned the known world upside down,
to its dark and farthest corners
by the wind of Whitsun blown.</p> <p>5 Pray we, then, O Lord the Spirit,
on our lives descend in might ;
let your flame break out within us,
fire our hearts and clear our sight,
till, white-hot in your possession,
we, too, set the world alight.</p> <p>6 Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,
praise the Father, praise the Word,
source, and truth, and inspiration,
Trinity in deep accord ;
through your voice which speaks
within us
we your creatures own you Lord.</p> |
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Michael Hewlett (1916–2000)

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Prayers of Approach

Hymn 378 (Singing the Faith): “Father of Everlasting Grace”

- 1 Father of everlasting grace,
your goodness and your truth we praise,
your goodness and your truth we prove ;
you have, in honour of your Son,
the gift unspeakable sent down,
the Spirit of life, and power, and love.**

- 2 Send us the Spirit of your Son,
to make the depths of Godhead known,
to make us share the life divine ;
send him the sprinkled blood to apply,
send him our souls to sanctify,
to bless and seal us with this sign.
- 3 So shall we pray, and never cease,
so shall we thankfully confess
your wisdom, truth, and power, and love,
with joy unspeakable adore,
and bless and praise you evermore,
and serve you as your hosts above :
- 4 Till, added to that heavenly choir,
we raise our songs of triumph higher,
and praise you with a bolder voice,
out-soar the first-born seraph's flight,
and sing, with all our friends in light,
with everlasting love rejoice.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Scripture Readings: John 14: 23-29
Acts 16: 9-15

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Hymn 654 (Singing the Faith): “The Love of God comes close”

1 The love of God comes close
where stands an open door
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.

*The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.*

2 The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
foregoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.

*The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.*

3 The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.

*The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.*

4 The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.

*The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.*

5 The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.

*The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.*

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

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 610 (Singing the Faith): “Best of all is God is with us”

- 1 Best of all is God is with us,
God will hold and never fail.
Keep that truth when storms are raging,
God remains though faith is frail.**
- 2 Best of all is God is with us,
life goes on and needs are met,
God is strongest in our weakness.
Love renews, will not forget.**
- 3 Best of all is God is with us,
hearts are challenged, strangely warmed,
faith is deepened, courage strengthened,
grace received and hope reformed.**
- 4 Best of all is God is with us,
in our joy and through our pain,
till that final acclamation :
‘life is Christ, and death is gain.’**
- 5 Best of all is God is with us
as we scale eternal heights,
love grows stronger, undiminished ;
earth grows dim by heaven's lights.**

Andrew Pratt (b. 1948)

Based on John Wesley's final words.

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