

The Church at Cars Lane Worship on 26 June 2022 Led by Jan Scott Music played by Tim Batty



We are using "Singing the Faith" hymn book

Please respond with the words in BOLD

Approach to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, For his love endures for ever.

Almighty God,

Infinite and eternal In wisdom power and love We praise you for all that you are, And for all that you do for this world. You have shown us your truth and your love In our Saviour Jesus Christ. Help us by your Spirit To worship you in spirit and in truth; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For the dawning of a new day **Thank you.** For new opportunities, possibilities to be explored **Thank you.** For fresh insights and different perspectives **Thank you.** For deep breaths and steps in the right direction **Thank you.** And for the frustrations and anxieties, the issues which weigh heavy and persistent on heart and mind **Thank you that we do not face them alone.**

Hymn 51: Great is thy faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:

Great is thy faithfulness ! Great is thy faithfulness ! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

- 2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Karen Campbell

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Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-14

Reflection

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 157: God has spoken

- God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging word; each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
 'Mid the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holding fast : God eternal reigns forever, God the first, and God the last.
- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son, brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one; spoken by the Word incarnate, God from God, ere time was born; Light from Light, to earth descending, Christ, revealing God to all.
- Readings: Psalm 77 Galatians 5:14

3 God is speaking - by the Spirit, speaking to our hearts again, in the age-long word expounding God's own message, now as then. Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith is standing fast; God still speaks, the Word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.

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Rest – Relationship – Respair

Hymn 513: Take this moment, sign and space

- 1 Take this moment, sign, and space ; take my friends around ; here among us make the place where your love is found.
- 2 Take the time to call my name, take the time to mend who I am and what I've been, all I've failed to tend.
- 3 Take the tiredness of my days, take my past regret, letting your forgiveness touch all I can't forget.
- 4 Take the little child in me, scared of growing old; help me here to find my worth made in Christ's own mould.

5 Take my talents, take my skills, take what's yet to be; let my life be yours, and yet, let it still be me.

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Intercessions:

Response from Psalm 77:

Your way, O God, is holy . . .

You are the God who works wonders.

Hymn 470: Lord, for the years

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided, Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us, Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care; for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain; hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him, Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne; past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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