



The Church at Carrs Lane, Sunday 7th August 2022
Worship led by Cristina Cipriani
with music by Tim Batty



All hymns are from '*Singing the Faith*'

Welcome

Call to worship Psalm 50

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Prayer

As we come into God's presence,
let us open our hands and hearts,
let us invite God to fill us with the treasure of the Spirit –
the treasure of God's compassion for others,
and the treasure of God's unconditional love for us. **Amen**

Hymn 42: O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new story

- 1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
- 2 By this holy power our God has done wonders.
By this holy power our God has done wonders.
By this holy power our God has done wonders.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
- 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
- 4 O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
- 5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen, alleluia.
For Jesus is Lord! Amen, alleluia.
For Jesus is Lord! Amen, alleluia.
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

Brazilian folk song

translated by Gerhard M. Cartford (b. 1923)

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Prayer of approach and confession

God of all,
we thank you for being here with us.
We thank you that in your presence
we find heavenly riches beyond any
earthy treasure.
As we come to worship,
help us to seek and find the treasure of
your kingdom,
so we can live our earthly lives holding
treasure

that will transform us – right here and right
now.
As we pray and sing to you,
help us to put our hope in you,
recognising that you are our protector and
our help,
the root of our gladness.
May your constant love be with us,
Almighty
as we trust you with our lives.

We strive in life for things to make us comfortable,
for things that give us pleasure.
We save in life, if we are able, for rainy days and stormy times.
We work to make life better, but sometimes we mistake this for true happiness.
And sometimes we invest so much in doing this, that we lose sight of what our true
goal and source of happiness is.
We mistake the finger that points to the moon for the moon itself.
We invest in accumulate riches, but we struggle along the way, for our soul is not lifted
and our lives is not happier.
Forgive us, God, and help us in a moment of reflection
to see the damage that our 'treasures' can cause
if they become the centre of our living.
Forgive us in our busy-ness to store up treasure here on earth,
if we lose sight of the treasure that is you in the here and now.
Forgive us if in our busy-ness we fail to share your treasure
with family, friend, foe and neighbour.

Silence

Assurance of forgiveness

God, in your love for us,
we thank you for you offer us, each of us, every one of us, forgiveness for our sins,
things done and undone, things spoken and unspoken.
God in your love for us your offer assurance that our sins are forgiven.
So, let us go this day sharing the treasure that is
God, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The 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**

**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.**

Hymn 48: From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea

**1 From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring,
every creature unique in the song that it sings,
all exclaiming :**

***Indescribable, uncontainable,
you placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing, God,
all powerful, untameable.
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,
you are amazing, God.***

- 2 Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow ?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night ?
None can fathom.**

***Indescribable, uncontainable,
you placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.
You are amazing, God,
incomparable, unchangeable.
You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same ;
you are amazing, God.***

Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

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Reading - Isaiah 1:10-20

Derek

Reading - Luke 12: 32-40

Message

Hymn 485: When we are living, we are in the Lord (*We belong to God*)

**1 When we are living, we are in the
Lord,
and when we're dying, we are in the
Lord ;
for in our living and in our dying
we belong to God, we belong to
God.**

**2 Each day allows us to decide for
good,
loving and serving as we know we
should ;
in thankful giving, in hopeful living,
we belong to God, we belong to
God.**

**3 Sometimes we sorrow, other times,
embrace,
sometimes we question everything
we face ;
yet in our yearning is deeper
learning :
we belong to God, we belong to
God.**

**4 Till earth is over may we always
know
love never fails us : God has made it
so.
Hard times will prove us, never
remove us ;
we belong to God, we belong to
God.**

***Pues si vivimos, para Él vivimos,
y si morimos, para Él morimos ;
sea que vivamos a que moramos
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.***

v. 1 Mexican traditional

vv. 2-4 Roberto Escamilla (b. 1931)

English version by John L. Bell (b. 1949)

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Prayer for the collection

Joe

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 588: I come with joy

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us
share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.
5 Together met,
together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Brian Wren (*b.* 1936)
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Communion

The Invitation

The Narrative

The Thanksgiving

God is with us

GOD IS WITH US

We give thanks and praise to God!

WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD!

.....We praise you that we are here today, around the table of Jesus. We have heard the good news of your love; the cross is the sign of your arms stretched out in love for us and the empty tomb declares your love stronger than death.

Christ has died!

CHRIST HAS DIED!

Christ is risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ will come again!

CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN!

Hymn 681: Community of Christ

- 1 Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone :
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.

- 2 Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.

**3 Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound -
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round :
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of
anguish
into joy.**

**4 When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun ;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.**

Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)

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Blessing

Loving God, go with us.

Help us to seek your treasure.

Help us to look for all you're doing right now.

Help us – by our example as much as by our words –

to share your treasure and your life-giving story

with the people we meet this week.

And may the love of God, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and forever,

Amen

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