



Downing Place United Reformed Church Cambridge

Sunday 7th November 2021
11.00am



**Holy Communion
to mark the re-dedication of
Downing Place Church**

Presiding Ministers

The Revd Nigel Uden
Minister
Downing Place United Reformed Church

Ken Rathje
Student Minister
Downing Place United Reformed Church

Preacher

The Revd Clare Downing
Moderator of the General Assembly
of the United Reformed Church

Musicians

Mark Dawes
Ian de Massini
Owen Saxton
and the Church Choir

Technician

David Flynn

Beadle

Daphne Thomas

First Aider

Augur Pearce

PREPARATION

Preludes

Apparition de l'église éternelle
by Olivier Messiaen 1908-92

Fiat Lux
by Théodore Dubois 1837-1924

Voluntary I, movement 3 from Op 5
John Stanley 1712-1786

Choral Song
by Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-1876

The Little Entrance

*As the Bible is brought into church the congregation is invited to stand,
and then to sit for the*

Welcome and Notices

Introit

Locus iste – Anton Bruckner 1824-96

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

This is the Lord's house, which he has made,
profoundly sacred, it is beyond reproof.

Opening Sentences

The LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him!

Habakkuk 2.20

Pause

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

God will dwell with us; we will be God's people,

God is with us, saying

'See, I am making all things new.'

Revelation 21.3,5

Prayer of Approach

Hymn

Lord of the years



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.

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.

Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord, of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

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.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-
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Tune: Michael Baughen 1930-

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Sharing Together The Moderator



One more step along the world I go,
 one more step along the world I go,
 from the old things to the new
 keep me travelling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
 keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
 more and more about the world I learn;
 all the new things that I see
 you'll be looking at along with me:

You are older than the world can be,
 You are younger than the life in me;
 Ever old and ever new,
 Keep me travelling along with you:

Words and tune: Sydney Bertram Carter 1915-2004
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Greetings

Ecumenical partners

The Revd Dr Steve Langford

St Andrew's Street Baptist Church

St Columba Foundation

Group Therapy Centre

Andy Espey

The Grace

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. Amen.**

WORD

Readings

Ian Strachan
Church Treasurer

Lamentations 3.21 – 25

²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ ‘The LORD is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’ ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

Ephesians 3.14 to 4.6

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

from the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*

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Sermon The Moderator

RESPONSE

Hymn

Tune by Mark Dawes

Being the Church is being a body, evolving for God, alert and alive
Replacing itself and essentially changing, charged by God's purpose and drive.
Two churches called to one unique journey, whether confusing or clear,
Unite in this chosen, privileged moment entrusted to all of us here.

We have a role in an ongoing story, replacing ourselves in continuous flow
Shaped around living, loving and dying, out of which fresh life will grow.
The glory of Easter, Christ's resurrection, unknown at the time to his friends
Is known to us now, and draws us to him through perpetual beginnings and ends.

Chorus

*And things will be lost, things we have loved, things it is time to let go
But the best we will save and take forward in joy
To weave stories we cannot yet know.*

Turn our concern, regrets, irritations, to courage in faith and positive prayer
All our nostalgia, fears and frustrations, let us not harbour, but share
Helping each other in risking the different, hearing and valuing all,
In practical task or quiet contemplation, focused to follow God's call.

Chorus

We pray for the skill to be fishers of others, catching their interest to seek and to find
Listening, learning, loving, discerning, open in heart and in mind.
Thank you for all that will come to engage us, setting our energies free
Surprise and inspire, excite and delight us, amaze us with who we can be.

So let's travel on expectantly living, aware that to live is also to change.
Attentive to where your Spirit is calling, embracing the new and the strange.
Enabled, affirmed as God's living people, eternally journeying on
The body of Christ in the midst of the world, new hope as your church becomes one.

Chorus

Jane Bower 2018

words by Jane Bower
music by Mark Dawes

Being the Church is being a body

SOPRANO
ALTO



1. Be - ing the Church is be - ing a bo - dy, e - volv - ing for God, a -
2. We have a role in an on - go - ing sto - ry, re - plac - ing our selves in con
3. Turn our con - cern, re - grets, ir - ri - ta - tions, to cou - rage in faith and
4. We pray for the skill to be fish - ers of o - thers, catch - ing their in - ter - est to
5. So let's tra - vel on as God's liv - ing peo - ple, a - ware that to live is

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lert and a - live. _____ Re - plac - ing it - self and es - sen - tial - ly chang - ing,
tin - u - ous flow. _____ Shaped a - round liv - ing, lov - ing and dy - ing,
po - si - tive prayer. _____ All our nos - tal - gia, fears and frus - tra - tions,
seek and to find. _____ Lis - ten - ing, learn - ing, lov - ing dis - cern - ing,
al - so to change. _____ At - ten - tive to where your Spi - rit is call - ing, em -

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charged by God's pur - pose and drive. _____ Two church - es called to one u - nique
out of which fresh life will grow. _____ The glo - ry of East - er, Christ's re - sur -
let us not har - bour, but share. _____ Help - ing each o - ther in risk - ing the
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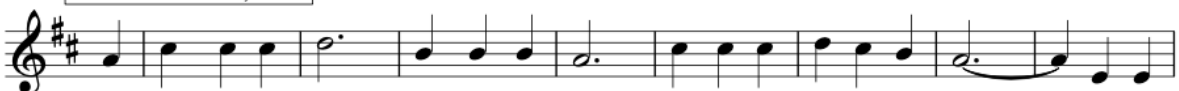
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rec - tion, un - known at the time to his friends, _____ Is known to us now, and
diff - erent, hear - ing and va - lu - ing all, _____ In prac - ti - cal task or
gage us, set - ting our en - er - gies free. _____ Sur - prise and ex - cite, in -
rect - ed, quest - ing ex - pec - tant - ly on. _____ The bo - dy of Christ in the

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pri - vi - leged mo - ment en - trust - ed to all of us here. _____
draws us to him through per - pe - tual be - ginn - ings and ends. _____
quiet con - tem - pla - tion, fo - cused to fol - low God's call. _____
spire and de - light us, a - maze us with who we can be. _____
midst of the world, new hope as your church be - comes one. _____

Chorus - after vv 2, 3 & 5



And things will be lost, things we have loved, things it is time to let go. _____ But the

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best we will save and take for - ward in joy To weave sto - ries we can - not yet know. _____

Words of Commitment

Prayers of Intercession

SACRAMENT

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Entrance as we sing Psalm 24

St George's (Edinburgh)

during which the elders bring to the Table the Offertory, bread and wine and money,

Allegro

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Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this,
ev'n that same Lord, that great in might and strong in battle is,
ev'n that same Lord, that great in might and strong in battle is.

Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors, doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King,
the King of glory, who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he, the King of glory is.
The Lord of hosts, and none but he, the King of glory is.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen, amen, amen.

Words: Psalm 24.7-10 Scottish Metrical Psalter, 1650

Tune: Andrew Mitchell Thomson 1778-1831

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
May it become for us the bread of life.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and the work of human hands.
May it become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have ourselves to offer,
fruit of the womb, and formed by your love.
May we become your servants in the world.

Communion Liturgy

Prayer of Thanksgiving

inspired by the work of
Ernest A. Payne and Stephen F. Winward in
Orders and Prayers for Christian Worship: a manual for ministers 1960
© The Carey Kingsgate Press Ltd

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy One, gracious and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we would give you thanks at all times, in all places, with especial gratitude today in this renewed sanctuary, a springboard for our life in Christ.

For all the wonders of your creating, for all the blessings of your providence, and for all your loving-kindness to us and to all people
we thank you, Lord.

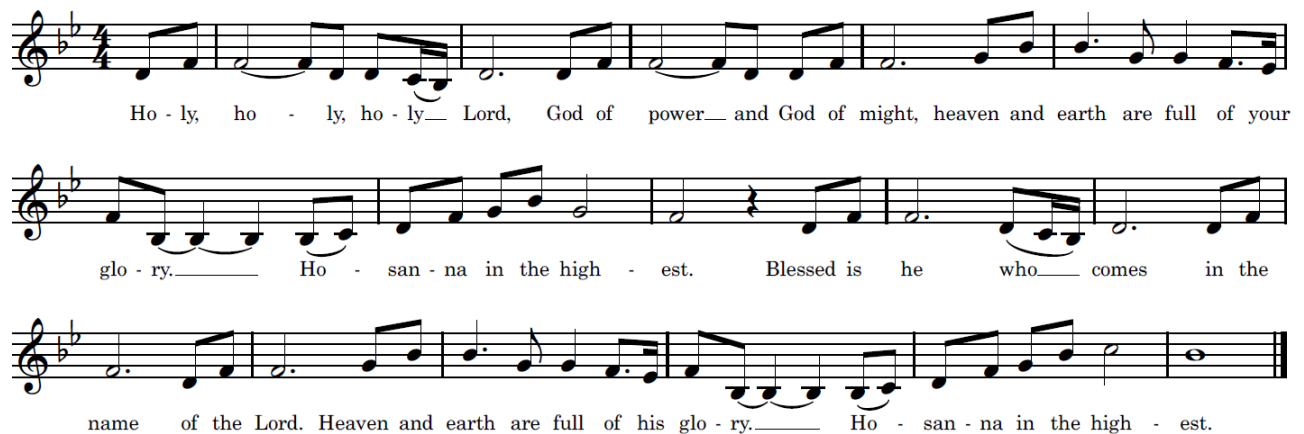
For Jesus Christ our Lord, who was with you in the beginning, through whom all things were made, who, for our salvation was made flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth,
we thank you, Lord.

For Jesus' life and ministry fruitful in deed and word, agony in the garden of Gethsemane, patience and meekness in the judgement hall, and stripes by which we are healed,
we thank you, Lord.

For Christ's precious sufferings and death upon the cross, body broken for our salvation, and blood shed for the remission of sins, of which this bread and wine are symbol, sign and seal,
we thank you, Lord.

For Christ's glorious resurrection and ascension, continual intercession and rule at your right hand, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the fellowship of the Church, for the Word and sacraments, for all the means of grace and the hope of glory,
we thank you, Lord.

With all your people in heaven and on earth
we sing the triumphant hymn of your glory:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and God of might, heaven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Heaven and earth are full of his glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

the prayer continues ...

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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Music during Communion –

Andante from Brandenburg Concerto No 2 BWV 1047
by J. S. Bach 1685-1750
arranged for Organ duet

Post Communion Prayer

Saint Benedict 480-543

Let us pray

**Gracious and Holy Father,
as we leave this table
we thank you for feeding us
and pray that you give us
wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate on you,
and a life to proclaim you;
through Jesus Christ. Amen**

DISMISSAL

Hymn

Gather us in



Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Words and tune: Marty Haugen 1950-
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Blessing with sung Threefold Amen

Organ introduction

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

Postlude

I was glad when they said unto me, 'we will go into the house of the Lord'
An anthem by Sir Hubert Parry 1848-1918
arranged for four hands at the organ

*The congregation remains standing as the Bible is taken from the church,
and is then invited to leave, or to sit for the music.*

*The Moderator will greet the congregation in the Hub,
and the Minister in the Welcome Area.*

*Coffee and Tea will be served after the service.
Just go through the door under the organ pipes.
Please do stay if you would like to.*

*To benefit most from safe distancing during the pandemic
please spread into the Gibson Hall, the Hub and the Garden.*

We warmly welcome and thank our GUESTS

Saturday

The Revd Clare Downing	Moderator, General Assembly of the URC
The Revd Dr John Bradbury	General Secretary, URC
The Revd Lythan Nevard	Moderator, Eastern Synod, URC
The Revd Dr Rick Mearkle	Cambridge Area Partnership of the URC
The Revd Charles Mather	Bar Hill Church
Isabel McCubbin	Fulbourn URC
Wendy Roe	Whittlesford URC
Maggie Jones	Sawston Free Church
The Revd Derek Wales and the Revd Dr Lance Stone	Former ministers of Emmanuel URC
The Lord Smith of Finsbury	Master of Pembroke College
Stuart Humphrey and Brandon Joubert	Coulson Building Group
Dr Nigel Walter, Dirk Visagie and Jack Boyns	Arch:Angel Architects
Douglas Henn-Macrae	Organ consultant
Ben Egan	Absolute Audio
Daniel Zeichner	Member of Parliament for Cambridge
Councillor Russ McPherson	Mayor of Cambridge
Councillor Katie Porrer	Cambridge City Council, Market Ward
The Revd Dr Robert Mackley	Vicar, Little St Mary's Church
The Revd Anna Matthews	Vicar, St Bene't's Church
The Revd Colin Smith	Wesley Methodist Church, Cambridge
Nico Harris	Orthodox Church of St Athanasios, Cherry Hinton
Ann Auger, Elaine Barker	Administrators, Downing Place URC
Margaret Sanderson	Knit One Give One
Dr Sarah Maxwell	Open Table Cambridge

Sunday

The Revd Clare Downing	Moderator, General Assembly of the URC
Elaine Barker	Administrator, Downing Place United Reformed Church
Jan Nicholls	formerly Community Development Director, Emmanuel URC
Dr Giles Waller	formerly Administrator, St Columba's URC
May Block	St Luke's Local Ecumenical Partnership
The Revd Dr Steve Langford & Elaine Langford	St Andrew's Street Baptist Church
The Revd Samantha White	Principal, Westminster College
Andy Espey, Joanne Smith	St Columba Foundation, Group Therapy Centre
Iain Spence	Street Pastors