

**Service for Caversham Park URC on Sunday 22 June 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Preparing to hear God's Word**

Welcome and Lighting of Candles

Call to Worship

From Proverbs 31 verses 8 and 9:

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

MP560

Prayers of Approach, Adoration and Confession (2)

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation; Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid; Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice; Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others; Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves; Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

Assurance of Pardon (3)

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Hearing God's Word**

Theme Introduction

Prayer for Grace or Collect for the Day (4)

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Reading from Scripture      Proverbs 31:1-9

Hymn                      Love divine                      MP449

Reading from Scripture      Matthew 18:1-14

Hymn                      He's got the whole world in his hands                      MP225

Sermon or other Exposition of the Word

**Responding to God's Word**

Hymn                      A new commandment                      MP1

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (5)

The universal Church, the United Reformed Church, the Churches in and around Caversham, and this Church. For all who are called to leadership or ministry. For all who serve as safeguarding advisers and contacts, and that the whole Church may be cleansed from abuse and the temptation to cover up

Peace in our world. For the victims of bombing, occupation and other military activities, and for those deprived of food, water, medical supplies and security. For all the peoples of Iran, Palestine, Israel and their neighbours, of Ukraine and Russia, of Sudan, Myanmar and other countries suffering from conflict. For all leaders of nations and groups, that they may be filled with a spirit of compassion, mercy and reconciliation. For Parliament, that it may have a right judgement, particularly on the Assisted Dying Bill. For our environment, that we may care for it, and do all we can to limit and reverse climate change and all other forms of damage.

For our community. For all who work in social services or look after children or vulnerable people For all victims of abuse, exploitation or violence, and that all who harm them may come to true repentance For all our colleagues, neighbours, friends and families

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering (6)

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labour and of the skills you have given us. Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world. Blessed be God for ever.

Notices

Hymn

Amazing grace

MP31

The Blessing (7)

May the Lord Jesus, who loved children and cared for the powerless, empower us to care lovingly for all whom we meet. **Amen.**

And we will bless one another with the Grace:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, for ever more. Amen.**