Order of Service for Sunday Morning – 5th February 2023

Christopher Onaka is leading our service and Tom Watts is preaching

This morning we celebrate Holy Communion

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'Christ is risen he is risen indeed'

HOW CAN IT BE THE ONE WHO DIED

Has borne our sin through sacrifice To conquer every sting of death Sing sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes Alive He stands their Friend and King Christ Christ He is risen

Christ is risen He is risen indeed
Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been They saw Him and their hearts believed But blessed are those who have not seen Yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to powerfully save He frees our hearts to live His grace Go tell of His goodness

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Children's song: 'The good song' (Psalm 34:10)

THE LIONS MAY GROW WEAK AND HUNGRY

The lions may grow weak and hungry
The lions may grow weak and hungry
But those that seek the Lord lack no good thing
(REPEAT)

All things work together for the good of those who love the Lord Yes, all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord All things work together for the good of those who love the Lord Yes, all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord All things work together for the good of those who love the Lord Yes, all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord All things work together for the good of those who love the Lord

Oh, yeah!

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Children aged 0-14 leave for their own activities downstairs

Notices

Confession:

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Song: 'Psalm 23'

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD I'LL NOT WANT

He makes me lie in pastures green He leads me by the still still waters His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone And I will trust in You alone For Your endless mercy follows me Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness And He anoints my head with oil And my cup it overflows with joy I feast on His pure delights

And though I walk the darkest path I will not fear the evil one For You are with me And Your rod and staff Are the comfort I need to know

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Prayers: Grace Kwong

Readings: Mark 8:31-38 on page 1012

Titus 1:10-16 on page 1198 (James Lee)

Song: 'Your word'

YOUR WORD IS GOOD IT'S EVER FAITHFUL

Worth more than gold the heart's delight Your word gives life to all who hear and obey Your word endures forever

Your word is true it never changes
It formed the earth sustains it still
Your word defends providing refuge and strength
Your word endures forever

Your word is a lamp unto my feet Your word is a light unto my path For your word is my hope it's my joy and my song Your word endures forever

Your word transforms it lifts the humble Rebukes the proud protects the poor Your word discerns the mind and spirit of all Your word endures forever Your word endures forever

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Sermon: True teaching

Let us declare our faith in God in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is. seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father: through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come.

Holy Communion

Amen.

Song: 'Facing a task unfinished'

FACING A TASK UNFINISHED

That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know you
Renew before your throne
The solemn pledge we owe you
To go and make you known

Where other lords beside you Hold their unhindered sway Where forces that defied you Defy you still today With none to heed their crying For life, and love, and light Unnumbered souls are dying And pass into the night

We go to all the world With kingdom hope unfurled No other name has power to save But Jesus Christ The Lord

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To you we yield our powers

Chorus...

O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake!
Forth on your errands send us
To labour for your sake

Chorus...

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Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us by faith with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.