

Order of Service for Sunday evening – 12th March 2023

Corinne Brixton is leading and Tom Watts is speaking this evening

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'Across the lands'

YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER

From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

*You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands*

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

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Song: 'From everlasting' (Psalm 90)

O GOD BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH

Or days of spring and summer filled the earth
From everlasting You are God

We dwell beneath the stars in ancient skies
A thousand years are nothing in Your sight
From everlasting You are God

*And all our days are held within Your hands
Your perfect love and favor have no end
We rest within the wisdom of Your plan
Everlasting (God)*

O God when joy and tragedy collide
And loss reminds us life is but a sigh
From everlasting You are God

O God of light our ways are known to You
But by Your grace You're making all things new
So satisfy us in our numbered days
Establish every effort while we wait
From everlasting You are God

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Confession

*Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.*

Prayers: Laura Ashman

Readings: Colossians 3:17-4:1 on page 1184 (Grace Kwong)

Song: 'May the mind of Christ my saviour' (May the mind of Christ)

MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOUR

Live in me from day to day
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say
All I do and say

May the word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His pow'r
Only through His pow'r

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in ev'rything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing
Sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting self abasing
This is victory
This is victory

May I run the race before me
Strong and brave to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go
As I onward go

May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only Him
Seeing only Him

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Talk: Real life in God's family

Song: 'Lord of the Church'

LORD OF THE CHURCH, WE PRAY FOR OUR RENEWING:

Christ over all, our undivided aim.
fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fears and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the church, we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer;
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
one church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting king!

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Closing Prayer