

Order of Service for Sunday evening – 19th March 2023

Aaron Ku is leading and David Rue is speaking
This evening we shall be celebrating Holy Communion

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'To God be the glory'

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Great things he has done!
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory,
great things he has done!

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us,
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see!

Fanny J Crosby

Confession

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.*

Prayers: Mary Wenham

Readings: Luke 18:1-8 on page 1051

Colossians 4:2-6 on page 1184 (MJ Wood)

Song: 'As the heavens are higher'

AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH

So His ways are higher than the ways of this world
And His thoughts run deeper than the mind of man
Father break into our darkened hearts

Come and drink the river of His Word
If you thirst for water that can satisfy
Come and join the banquet at the Master's feast
Where His love and faithfulness provide

Come and listen to His gentle voice
For the words He speaks to us are Spirit and life
Come and seek your Saviour while He may be found
Sure that Jesus' words can never lie

*I will trust in You as You speak to me
I will turn to You as You call my name
As the rain gives life on this arid ground
So Your word will bring Your children home*

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Richard Simpkin

Talk: Real evangelism

Song: 'Nothing but the blood'

YOUR BLOOD SPEAKS A BETTER WORD

Than all the empty claims I've heard
Upon this earth
Speaks righteousness for me
And stands in my defense
Jesus it's Your blood

*What can wash away our sins
What can make us whole again
Nothing but the blood
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can wash us pure as snow
Welcomed as the friends of God
Nothing but Your blood
Nothing but Your blood
King Jesus*

Your cross testifies in grace
Tells of the Father's heart
To make a way for us
Now boldly we approach
Not earthly confidence
It's only by Your blood

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Holy Communion

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 Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy 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.*