

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 26th March 2023

David Choi is leading our service and
Tom Watts is preaching this morning

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'O praise the name' (Anástasis)

I CAST MY MIND TO CALVARY

Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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Children's talk: David Rue

Children's song: 'Gracious invitation'

THERE'S A PARTY FOR US

And it's free free free
The Host said He's paying
For everything
The doors are open wide for everyone
It's a banquet with all
Of our favorite foods
Friendship and music
And all things good
The countdown to our gladness
Has begun has begun

*It's a gracious invitation
To the Savior's celebration
Love and joy are waiting
And He says come
So we will come*

There is joy to be had
And it's now now now
A feast to be shared
With the God of Wow
And there's no telling
What He has prepared
Imagine it all and then think again
His Son gave His life to invite us in
And best of all the invite
Can be shared can be shared

But some are invited
And just won't go
They make their excuses
And answer no
They think that they can find
A better feast
They waited too long
And they lost their chance
But the Host of the party
Has awesome plans
To invite the hungry weary
And the least and the least

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*It's a gracious invitation
To the Savior's celebration
Love and joy are waiting
And He says come
There's no hesitation
No need for debating
Love and joy are waiting
And He says come
So we will come*

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Children aged 0-14 leave for their own activities downstairs

Song: 'He will hold me fast'

WHEN I FEAR MY FAITH WILL FAIL

Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

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Notices

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: Alex Weston

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 on page 724

Acts 12:1-24 on page 1106 (Nathan Wong)

Song: 'How firm a foundation'

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YOU SAINTS OF THE LORD,

Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"

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Sermon: A miraculous escape

Song: 'By faith'

BY FAITH WE SEE THE HAND OF GOD

In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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Closing Prayer