Order of Service for Sunday Morning - 4th June 2023

Alex Chitra is leading our service and Tom Watts is preaching

This morning we celebrate Holy Communion

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'We declare'

WE ARE HIS KINGDOM WE ARE HIS BRIDE

For us he paid the price
For us he bled and died
We are his people his treasured prize
For us he conquered sin
For he is risen

With thankfulness we will sing With thankfulness we will sing

So we declare the praises
Of Jesus Saviour and King
He is the cornerstone Hallelujah
And now we stand as his church
Until the day when he comes in glory Hallelujah

We are a priesthood beloved ones He draws the scattered near He builds his kingdom here A holy nation now set apart To be his hands and feet To speak his mercy

With thankfulness we will sing Adopted now we are his

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Children's song: 'Be bold, be strong'

BE BOLD, BE STRONG,

For the Lord your God is with you, Be bold, be strong, For the Lord your God is with you,

I am not afraid (NO! NO! NO!)
I am not dismayed (NOT ME!),
For I'm walking in faith and victory,
Come on and walk in faith and victory
For the Lord your God is with you.

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Children aged 0-14 leave for their own activities downstairs

Notices

Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;

and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;

and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent.

according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life.

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

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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Prayers: Alex Weston

Reading: Acts 17:16-34 on page 1113 (James Lee)

Song: 'May the mind of Christ my saviour'

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

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

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

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

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

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Sermon: The Word in Athens

Holy Communion

Song: 'Consider Christ'

CONSIDER CHRIST THE SOURCE OF OUR SALVATION

That He should take the penalty for me Though He was pure a lamb without a blemish He took my sins and nailed them to the tree

My Lord and God You are so rich in mercy Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks So take my life transform renew and change me That I might be a living sacrifice

Consider Christ that He should trust His Father In the garden of Gethsemane Though full of dread and fearful of the anguish He drank the cup that was reserved for me

Consider Christ for death He has defeated And He arose appeared for all to see And now He sits at God's right hand in heaven Where He prepares a resting place for me

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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.