

Order of Service for Sunday evening – 1st October 2023

Corinne Brixton is leading and Tom Watts is speaking this evening

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'Creation sings the Father's song'

CREATION SINGS THE FATHER'S SONG

He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day
Till evening falls in crimson rays
His fingerprints in flakes of snow
His breath upon this spinning globe
He charts the eagle's flight
Commands the newborn baby's cry

Hallelujah

Let all creation stand and sing

Hallelujah

Fill the earth with songs of worship

Tell the wonders of creation's King

Creation gazed upon His face
The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man
A second Adam walked the earth
Whose blameless life would break the curse
Whose death would set us free
To live with Him eternally

Creation longs for His return
When Christ shall reign upon the earth
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age
When He renews the land and sky
All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme
The glory of our God and King

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Song: 'I stand amazed' (How marvellous)

I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE

Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

*How marvellous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvellous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me*

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
(And) He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

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Confession

*Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have turned against you,
ignoring you and rejecting your will for our lives.
We have been stubborn and rebellious,
but you are merciful and kind.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you
and to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Prayers: Aaron Ku

Reading: Daniel 5 on page 890 (David Ashman)

Song: 'Speak O Lord'

SPEAK O LORD AS WE COME TO YOU

To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Talk: The writing on the wall

Song: 'Creator God'

CREATOR GOD WHO SHAPED THE EARTH AND HEAVENS

Your glory shines in all that you have made
You spoke the Word who broke into the darkness
All earth replies majestic is Your name
And who am I though made below the angels
That You my King are mindful of my ways
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus
I lift my voice to join with them in praise

Redeeming God creation's song fell silent
As on the cross the Light was pierced with dark
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered
The One who spoke out stars now breathes His last
And who am I the lowliest of sinners
That You would pay the price my sin deserves
My Maker scarred for those who marred His likeness
And from His wounds flows mercy unreserved

O living God You broke the tomb in glory
Death could not hold the One who authored life
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness
And in our hearts His risen life now shines
And who are we that You would call us children
And raise us up from death to life with you
Where we will sing the New Creation anthem
O praise the One who's making all things new

And so we wait in eager expectation
And join the song as all creation groans
Lord haste the Day decay is slain by glory
The Day you call Your sons and daughters home

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Closing Prayer