Order of Service for Sunday Morning – 8th October 2023

Aaron Ku is leading our service and Tom Watts is preaching

This morning we celebrate Holy Communion

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'All creatures of our God and king'

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Lift up your voice and with us sing Oh praise Him Alleluia Thou burning sun with golden beam Thou silver moon with softer gleam Oh praise Him Oh praise Him Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless And worship Him in humbleness Oh praise Him Alleluia Praise praise the Father praise the Son And praise the Spirit Three-in-One Oh praise Him Oh praise Him Alleluia alleluia alleluia

All the redeemed washed by His blood Come and rejoice in His great love Oh praise Him Alleluia Christ has defeated every sin Cast all your burdens now on Him Oh praise Him Oh praise Him Alleluia alleluia alleluia

He shall return in pow'r to reign Heaven and earth will join to say Oh praise Him Alleluia Then who shall fall on bended knee All creatures of our God and King Oh praise Him Oh praise Him Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Children's talk: David Rue

Children's song: 'Great big God'

OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD

Our God is a great big God Our God is a great big God And He holds us in His hands

He's higher than a skyscraper And He's deeper than a submarine He's wider than the universe And beyond my wildest dreams And He's known me and He's loved me Since before the world began How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan

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Children aged 0-Year 9 leave for their own activities downstairs

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.

Song: 'Creator God'

CREATOR GOD WHO SHAPED THE EARTH AND HEAVEN

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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Prayers: Fiona Kennedy

Readings: Exodus 20:13 on page 78

Matthew 5:21-26 on page 969 (Roger Staton)

Song: 'Your word'

YOUR WORD IS GOOD IT'S EVER FAITHFUL

Worth more than gold the heart's delight Your word gives life to all who hear and obey Your word endures forever

Your word is true it never changes It formed the earth sustains it still Your word defends providing refuge and strength Your word endures forever

Your word is a lamp unto my feet Your word is a light unto my path For Your word is my hope it's my joy and my song Your word endures forever

Your word transforms it lifts the humble Rebukes the proud protects the poor Your word discerns the mind and spirit of all Your word endures forever Your word is more than just letters on pages It's life and it's love and it's freedom for us Your word is more than just wisdom of ages Its treasures are endless it's always enough Your word is more than just stories of old It's the truth and the way and the story of love Your word is more than just breath into dust It's Your Son as a man come to dwell here with us

Your word is a lamp unto my feet Your word is a light unto my path For Your word is my hope it's my joy and my song Your word endures forever Your word endures forever

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Sermon: Don't kill

Holy Communion

Song: 'Oh the mercy of God'

OH THE MERCY OF GOD THE GLORY OF GRACE

That You chose to redeem us to forgive and restore And You call us Your children chosen in Him To be holy and blameless to the glory of God

To the praise of His glorious grace To the praise of His glory and power To Him be all glory honour and praise For ever and ever and ever Amen

Oh the richness of grace the depths of His love In Him is redemption the forgiveness of sin And You called us as righteous predestined in Him For the praise of His glory included in Christ

Oh the glory of God expressed in His Son His image and likeness revealed to us all The plea of the ages completed in Christ That we be presented perfected in Him

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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.