

Order of Service for Sunday evening – 3rd December 2023

Tom Watts is leading and James Townsend is speaking this evening

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'Oh what a saviour'

LIFT YOUR EYES TO THE LORD YOUR GOD

Father of goodness and grace
All of your burdens and gifts of praise
Come lay them down in this place

*For His arm is mighty and His love will endure
His plan is perfect His victory is sure
And His anger is righteous but His grace is free
Oh what a Saviour is He
Oh what a Saviour is He*

Lift your souls to the Lord your god
Maker of heaven and earth
Sun and moon bow before His throne
Praise Him for all He is worth

Lift your minds to the Lord your God
He will fulfil all your needs
Seek His wisdom attend His words
Follow wherever He leads

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Song: 'When I was lost'

WHEN I WAS LOST, YOU CAME AND RESCUED ME:

reached down into the pit and lifted me.

O Lord, such love,

I was as far from you as I could be.

You know all the things I've ever done,
but Jesus' blood has cancelled ev'ry one.

O Lord, such grace to qualify me as your own.

*There is a new song in my mouth,
there is a deep cry in my heart,
a hymn of praise to Almighty God,
hallelujah!*

*And now I stand firm on this rock,
my life is hidden now with Christ in God.
The old has gone and the new has come,
hallelujah!
your love has lifted me.*

Now I have come into your family,
for the Son of God has died for me.

O Lord, such peace,

I am as loved by you as I could be.

In the full assurance of your love
now with ev'ry confidence we come.

O Lord, such joy to know that you delight in me.

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Confession:

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
ALL: forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
ALL: forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:
ALL: forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:
ALL: forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
ALL: forgive us our sin. Amen.

Prayers: Gavin Ling

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-7 on page 694

Luke 1:46-55 on page 1026 (Ruth Westwood)

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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Talk: God our saviour

Song: 'Amazing grace' (My chains are gone)

AMAZING GRACE HOW SWEET THE SOUND

That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Closing Prayer