

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 31st December 2023

**Jack Brooks is leading our service and
Alex Chitra is preaching this morning**

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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Children's song: 'It's a light and a hammer'

HOLD THE POWER OF THE UNIVERSE IN YOUR HANDS

Hold the words that shaped the sky and sea and land
The King has given words to us, to tell us what he's like
Open up your ears and let his Spirit strike

*It's a light and a hammer
It's a fire and a sword
It's the voice of our Father
The word of the Lord
The blade of the Spirit can cut to the soul
And God will use it to make us whole*

Hear the news of the promised king who came to save
Hear the news of Jesus who rose from the grave
Our King has come to live on earth and rescue us from sin
Open up your mind and let his Spirit in

*It's a light and a hammer
It's a fire and a sword
It's the voice of our Father
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The blade of the Spirit can cut to the soul
And God will use it to make us whole*

Know the name of Jesus Christ that makes us new
Know the Son of God, the Word whose word is true
Our King has spoken to us, so there is no place for pride
He gives hearts of flesh and changes us inside

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Children aged 0-Year 6 leave for their own activities downstairs.

Pathfinders (Years 7-9) will stay in the service today.

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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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: Christopher Onaka

Reading: Luke 2:22-40 on page 1028 (Logan Naidu)

Song: 'I stand amazed' (How marvelous)

I STAND AMAZED IN THE PRESENCE

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

*How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous 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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Sermon: A light to the nations

Song: 'Lord be my vision'

LORD BE MY VISION SUPREME IN MY HEART

Bid every rival give way and depart
You my best thought in the day or the night
Waking or sleeping your presence my light

Lord be my wisdom and be my true word
I ever with you and you with me Lord
You my great Father and I your true child
Once far away but by love reconciled

Lord be my breastplate my sword for the fight
Be my strong armour for you are my might
You are my shelter and you my high tower
Raise me to heaven O Power of my power

I need no riches nor earth's empty praise
You my inheritance through all my days
All of your treasure to me you impart
High King of heaven the first in my heart

High King of heaven when battle is done
Grant heaven's joy to me bright heaven's sun
Christ of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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Closing Prayer