

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 7th January 2024

**Karen Chitra is leading our service and
Tom Watts is preaching this morning**

This morning we celebrate Holy Communion

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'Behold our God'

WHO HAS HELD THE OCEANS IN HIS HANDS

Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

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Children's song: 'Who's the King of the jungle'

WHO'S THE KING OF THE JUNGLE

Who's the King of the sea
Who's the King of the universe
And who's the King of me

*I'll tell you J-E-S-U-S
He's the King of me
He's the King of the universe
The jungle and the sea*

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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.

Notices

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.*

Song: 'Across the lands'

YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER

From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

*You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands*

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

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Prayers: Corinne Brixton

Reading: Romans 9:1-18 on page 1135 (Kerry Jones)

Song: 'The perfect wisdom of our God'

THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD

Revealed in all the universe
All things created by His hand
And held together at His command
He knows the myst'ries of the seas
The secrets of the stars are His
He guides the planets on their way
And turns the earth through another day

The matchless wisdom of His ways
That mark the path of righteousness
His word a lamp unto my feet
His Spirit teaching and guiding me
And O the mystery of the cross
That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise
And all the glory might go to Christ

O grant me wisdom from above
To pray for peace and cling to love
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace
So through the trials I choose to say
Your perfect will in Your perfect way

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Sermon: The God with no plan

Holy Communion

Song: 'By faith'

BY FAITH WE SEE THE HAND OF GOD

light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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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.*