Order of Service for Sunday evening – 14th January 2024

Tom Watts is leading and Aaron Ku is speaking this evening

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'To God be the glory'

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Great things he has done! so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son; and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son: but purer and higher and greater will be our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see!

Fanny J Crosby

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:

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us.*

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us.*

For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us.*

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us.*

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us. Amen.*

Prayers: Gavin Ling

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 on page 1186 (MJ Wood)

Song: 'For the cause'

FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST THE KING

We give our lives an offering 'Til all the earth resounds With ceaseless praise To the Son For the cause of Christ we go With joy to reap with faith to sow As many see And many put their trust in the Son

Christ we proclaim The Name above every name For all creation Ev'ry nation God's salvation Through the Son

For the King once lifted high To cries of rage of crucify Endured the cross As every sin was laid On the Son To the King who conquered death To free the poor and the oppressed For lasting peace For life and liberty In the Son

Let it be my life's refrain To live is Christ to die is gain Deny myself take up my cross And follow the Son

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Talk:

Not only the gospel

Song: 'There is one gospel'

THERE IS ONE GOSPEL ON WHICH I STAND

For all eternity It is my story my Father's plan The Son has rescued me Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace My highest joy and my deepest need Now and forever He is my light I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling All else I count as loss For there where justice and mercy meet He saved me on the cross No more I boast in what I can bring No more I carry the weight of sin For He has brought me from death to life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found The empty tomb still speaks For death could not keep my Saviour down He lives and I am free Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes My life is His and His hope is mine For he has promised I too will rise I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one We do not walk alone We have His Spirit as we press on To lead us safely home And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me Praise to my Saviour the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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Closing Prayer