

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 14th January 2024

Corinne Brixton is leading our service and
Tom Watts is preaching this morning

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

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Children's Talk: David Rue

Children's Song: 'All through history'

NOAH BUILT THE MOST ENORMOUS BOAT

That kept the birds and animals afloat
The Lord was good the Lord was strong
And Noah lived his life for Him

Moses led his people through the sea
Taking them away from slavery
The Lord was good the Lord was strong
And Moses lived his life for Him

*Oh thank You oh thank You
That all through history
You were faithful
Thank You oh thank You
That You are just the same
When it comes to me
When it comes to me*

David fought Goliath and he won
A humble shepherd boy became a king
The Lord was good the Lord was strong
And David lived his life for Him

Daniel was inside a lion's den
But God brought him to safety once again
The Lord was good the Lord was strong
And Daniel lived his life for Him

Jesus died to take away our sin
So we could get to know our God again
The Lord is good the Lord is strong
And we will live our lives for Him

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Children aged 0-11 leave for their own activities downstairs

Pathfinders will stay in the service this week

Song: 'I cannot tell' (Londonderry air)

I CANNOT TELL WHY HE WHOM ANGELS WORSHIP

Should set His love upon the sons of men
Or why as Shepherd He should seek the wanderers
To bring them back they know not how or when
But this I know that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured
And so the Saviour Saviour of the world is come

I cannot tell how silently He suffered
As with His peace He graced this place of tears
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken
The crown of pain to three and thirty years
But this I know He heals the broken-hearted
And stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
And lifts the burden from the heavy-laden
For yet the Saviour Saviour of the world is here

I cannot tell how He will win the nations
How He will claim His earthly heritage
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west of sinner and of sage
But this I know all flesh shall see His glory
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
When He the Saviour Saviour of the world is known

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship
When at His bidding every storm is stilled
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled
But this I know the skies will thrill with rapture
And myriad myriad human voices sing
And earth to heaven and heaven to earth will answer
At last the Saviour Saviour of the world is King

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Confession:

*Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.*

Prayers: Alex Weston

Reading: Romans 9:19-29 on page 1136 (Clare Ross)

Song: 'How firm a foundation'

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YOU SAINTS OF THE LORD,

Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"

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Sermon: God's right to choose

Song: 'How deep the Father's love for us'

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Closing Prayer