

Order of Service for Sunday evening – 21st January 2024

**Daniel Barlow is leading and James Townsend is speaking
This evening we shall be celebrating Holy Communion**

Welcome & opening prayer

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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Confession

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.*

Song: 'From everlasting' (Psalm 90)

O GOD BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH

Or days of spring and summer filled the earth
From everlasting You are God

We dwell beneath the stars in ancient skies
A thousand years are nothing in Your sight
From everlasting You are God

*And all our days are held within Your hands
Your perfect love and favor have no end
We rest within the wisdom of Your plan
Everlasting (God)*

O God when joy and tragedy collide
And loss reminds us life is but a sigh
From everlasting You are God

O God of light our ways are known to You
But by Your grace You're making all things new
So satisfy us in our numbered days
Establish every effort while we wait
From everlasting You are God

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Prayers: Ruth Ku

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 on page 1186 (David Ashman)

Song: 'Your word'

YOUR WORD IS GOOD IT'S EVER FAITHFUL

Worth more than gold the heart's delight
Your word gives life to all who hear and obey
Your word endures forever

Your word is true it never changes
It formed the earth sustains it still
Your word defends providing refuge and strength
Your word endures forever

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Your word is a light unto my path
For Your word is my hope it's my joy and my song
Your word endures forever*

Your word transforms it lifts the humble
Rebukes the proud protects the poor
Your word discerns the mind and spirit of all
Your word endures forever

Your word is more than just letters on pages
It's life and it's love and it's freedom for us
Your word is more than just wisdom of ages
Its treasures are endless it's always enough
Your word is more than just stories of old
It's the truth and the way and the story of love
Your word is more than just breath into dust
It's Your Son as a man come to dwell here with us

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Your word is a light unto my path
For Your word is my hope it's my joy and my song
Your word endures forever
Your word endures forever*

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Talk: Not as a human word

Holy Communion

Song: 'Oh the mercy of God'

OH THE MERCY OF GOD THE GLORY OF GRACE

That You chose to redeem us to forgive and restore
And You call us Your children chosen in Him
To be holy and blameless to the glory of God

*To the praise of His glorious grace
To the praise of His glory and power
To Him be all glory honour and praise
For ever and ever and ever Amen*

Oh the richness of grace the depths of His love
In Him is redemption the forgiveness of sin
And You called us as righteous predestined in Him
For the praise of His glory included in Christ

Oh the glory of God expressed in His Son
His image and likeness revealed to us all
The plea of the ages completed in Christ
That we be presented perfected in Him

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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.*