

## Order of Service for Sunday evening – 28th January 2024

David Ashman is leading and David Rue is speaking this evening

### Welcome & opening prayer

### 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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**Song: 'Christ our hope in life and death'**

**WHAT IS OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH**

Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

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**Confession:**

*Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.*

**Prayers:                    Cerian Choi**

**Reading:                    1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:10 on page 1187 (Corinne Brixton)**

**Song: 'Show us Christ'**

**PREPARE OUR HEARTS O GOD**

Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
'Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Lead us in Your truth

*Show us Christ show us Christ  
O God reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations  
Makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

Where else can we go Lord  
Where else can we go  
You have the words of eternal life  
(REPEAT)

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**Talk:                      What is our hope?**

## **Song: 'O church arise'**

### **O CHURCH ARISE AND PUT YOUR ARMOUR ON**

Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

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## **Closing Prayer**