

Order of Service for Sunday evening – 4th February 2024

David Rue is leading and James Townsend is speaking this evening

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'We belong to the day'

WE BELONG TO THE DAY

To the day that is to come
When the night falls away
And our Saviour will return
For the glory of the King is in our hearts
On that day we will be seen for what we are

We belong to the day
Let us journey in the light
Put on faith put on love
As our armour for the fight
And the promise of salvation in our eyes
On that day the proud will fall the faithful rise

*Strong as a mighty rock
Our refuge in the coming wrath
The heart of the bride belongs
To Jesus Jesus
The earth in its turning stops
To marvel at the Son of God
And all of that day belongs
To Jesus Jesus*

We belong to the day
We were bought with Jesus' blood
Soon He comes as the Judge
In the power of His word
We must tell of His salvation while we wait
For the day when Jesus comes will be too late

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Song: 'He will hold me fast'

WHEN I FEAR MY FAITH WILL FAIL

Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

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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.*

Prayers: **Corinne Brixton**

Reading: **1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13 on page 1187 (Sam Choi)**

Song: 'Now in reverence and awe'

NOW IN REVERENCE AND AWE
we gather round your word;
in wonder we draw near
to mysteries that angels strain to hear,
that prophets dimly saw:
so let your Spirit shine upon the page
and teach me;

*Open up my eyes
with truth to free me,
light to chase the lies.
Lord Jesus, let me meet you in your word;
Lord Jesus, let me meet you in your word.*

Lord, your truth cannot be chained;
it searches everything –
my secrets, my desires.
Your word is like a hammer and a fire –
it breaks, it purifies:
so let your Spirit shine into my heart
and teach me;

Talk: **Praying with hope**

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Song: 'Hear our prayer'

HEAR OUR PRAYER GOD ABOVE

As we come to you and seek your patient love
Hear our hearts hear our minds
Hear the echoes of the words we cannot find

Be our hope be our guide
In our wanderings of weakness break our pride
Not for ease shall we pray
But for strength that we may walk with you this day

*So we pray in faith your will be done
As we long to see your kingdom come
We ask with one voice
We ask with one voice
Through Jesus Christ our Lord*

Hear our prayer faithful one
Shape our yearnings to the gospel of your son
Free our hearts free our minds
From the war that sin will wage till you arrive

Be our joy be our stay
Give us eyes to see you answer prayer this day
Hear us praise all you've done
We rejoice as we receive the victory won

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Closing Prayer