Order of Service for Sunday evening – 11th February 2024 Corinne Brixton is leading and Aaron Ku is speaking this evening

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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Song: 'The Lord is my salvation'

THE GRACE OF GOD HAS REACHED FOR ME

And pulled me from the raging sea And I am safe on this solid ground The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save faithful in love My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord He flow'rs each promise of His Word When winter fades I know spring will come The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need When I know loss when I am weak I know His grace will renew these days The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day He will not leave me in the grave But I will rise He will call me home The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father Glory be to God the Son Glory be to God the Spirit The Lord is our salvation

The Lord is our salvation The Lord is our salvation

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Confession:

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayers: Moses Badrsafdari

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 on page 1187 (MJ Wood)

Song: 'O great God'

O GREAT GOD OF HIGHEST HEAV'N

Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me
(REPEAT)

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Talk: Living to please God

Song: 'By faith'

BY FAITH WE SEE THE HAND OF GOD

In the light of creation's grand design In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts Of a holy city built by God's own hand A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost To deliver captives and to preach good news In ev'ry corner of the earth

By faith the mountain shall be moved And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name

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Closing Prayer