

## Order of Service for Sunday morning – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Corinne Brixton is leading our service and  
Alex Chitra is preaching this morning

### Welcome & Opening Prayer

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

***ALL: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs***

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

***ALL: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture***

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

***ALL: give thanks to him and praise his name***

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

***ALL: his faithfulness continues through all generations***

### Song: 'Oh what a saviour'

#### LIFT YOUR EYES TO THE LORD YOUR GOD

Father of goodness and grace  
All of your burdens and gifts of praise  
Come lay them down in this place

*For His arm is mighty and His love will endure  
His plan is perfect His victory is sure  
And His anger is righteous but His grace is free  
Oh what a Saviour is He  
Oh what a Saviour is He*

Lift your souls to the Lord your god  
Maker of heaven and earth  
Sun and moon bow before His throne  
Praise Him for all He is worth

Lift your minds to the Lord your God  
He will fulfil all your needs  
Seek His wisdom attend His words  
Follow wherever He leads

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## **Children's Talk: David Rue**

### **Children's song: 'God showed us his love'**

#### **WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS**

God showed us his love  
By sending us his own son  
Jesus died for us

*God showed us his love  
When Jesus died for us  
While we were his enemies  
God showed us his love*

How do we know what love is?  
God showed us his love  
By sending us his own Son  
Jesus died for us

*God showed us his love  
When Jesus died for us  
While we were his enemies  
God showed us his love*

While we were lost and without hope  
You rescued us with your great love

Why should we love each other?  
God showed us his love  
By sending us his own Son  
Jesus died for us

*God showed us his love  
When Jesus died for us  
While we were his enemies  
God showed us his love*

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***Children aged 0-11 (Year 6) leave for their own activities downstairs***

***This week, Pathfinders (Years 7-9) will stay in the service***

**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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## **Notices**

### **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: Kerry Jones**

**Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 on page 987 (Melissa Bockelmann)**

## 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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## Sermon: The first will be last

## **Song: 'And can it be'**

### **AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN**

An interest in the Saviour's blood  
Died He for me who caused His pain  
For me who Him to death pursued  
Amazing love how can it be  
That You my God should die for me  
Amazing love how can it be  
That You my God should die for me

What mystery here the Immortal dies  
Who can explore His strange design  
In vain the highest angel tries  
To sound the depths of love divine  
What mercy this let earth adore  
Let angel minds enquire no more  
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Let angel minds enquire no more

He left His Father's throne above  
So free so infinite His grace  
Humbled Himself in all His love  
And bled for Adam's helpless race  
What mercy this immense and free  
For O my God it found out me  
What mercy this immense and free  
For O my God it found out me

Long my imprisoned Spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Then shone Your glorious gospel ray  
I woke the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off my heart was new  
I rose went forth and followed You  
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I rose went forth and followed You

No condemnation now I dread  
Jesus and all in Him is mine  
Alive in Him my living Head  
And clothed in righteousness divine  
Bold I approach the eternal throne  
And claim the crown through Christ my own  
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## **Closing Prayer**