

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 5th May 2024

**Corinne Brixton is leading our service and
Tom Watts is preaching this morning**

This morning we celebrate Holy Communion

Welcome & Opening Prayer

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's special possession,
***ALL: that you may declare the praises
of him who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light.***

Once you were not a people,
ALL: but now you are the people of God;

once you had not received mercy,
ALL: but now you have received mercy.

Song: 'Come people of the risen king'

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

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Children's Song: 'In Christ'

THE FATHER PUT US IN HIS SON

He joined us through and through
Every place that Jesus goes
Is where you'll find us too
Through heaven's special offer
of Jesus Christ the King
We get grace, love, joy, and hope
Choose him, get everything!

*We're in Christ, who is life
United to the Son
We're in Christ, who is life
We share all that he's won
Joined up by his Spirit
Who lives in our hearts
Now we're one with Jesus
We'll never be apart*

God the Father loves the Son
A love older than time
Jesus Christ now shares this love
It's his, it's yours, it's mine!
Because of God's great mercy
We're precious as can be
Taking all of God's love in
Is like trying to drink the sea

When God the Father raised the Son
We also rose with him
We set hearts on things above
And turn away from sin
This life cannot be taken
So we give God the thanks
Safer than a tortoise
who is living in a bank

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Children aged 0-Year 6 leave for their own activities downstairs.

Pathfinders (Years 7-9) will meet at the back of church and walk to the parsonage.

Notices

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: 'Beautiful Saviour'

ALL MY DAYS

I will sing this song of gladness
Give my praise
To the Fountain of delights
For in my helplessness You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life

I will trust
In the cross of my Redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails
Of sins forgiven
Of conscience cleansed
Of death defeated and life without end

*Beautiful Saviour Wonderful Counsellor
Clothed in majesty Lord of history
You're the Way the Truth the Life
Star of the Morning glorious in holiness
You're the Risen One heaven's Champion
And You reign You reign over all*

I long to be
Where the praise is never ending
Yearn to dwell
Where the glory never fades
Where countless worshippers
Will share one song
And cries of worthy will honour the Lamb

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Prayers: Kerry Jones

Readings: Ephesians 3:14-19 on page 1174

Ephesians 5:15-21 on page 1176 (Clare Ross)

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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Sermon: Getting more of the Spirit

Holy Communion

Song: 'O praise the name' (Anástasis)

I CAST MY MIND TO CALVARY

Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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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.*