Order of Service for Sunday morning – 27th October 2024

Alex Chitra is leading our service and Tom Watts is preaching this morning

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'To God be the glory'

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Great things he has done! so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory,
great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son: but purer and higher and greater will be our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see!

Fanny J Crosby

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 7-10) will also go downstairs.

Song: 'The power of the cross'

OH TO SEE THE DAWN OF THE DARKEST DAY

Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

This the pow'r of the cross Christ became sin for us Took the blame bore the wrath We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life Finished the vict'ry cry

Oh to see my name written in the wounds For through Your suff'ring I am free Death is crushed to death life is mine to live Won through Your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us What a love what a cost We stand forgiven at the cross

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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: Fiona Kennedy

Reading: Acts 27:1-44 on page 1124 (Clare Ross)

Song: 'Speak O Lord'

SPEAK O LORD AS WE COME TO YOU

To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Sermon: Through many dangers, toils, and snares

Song: 'Amazing grace (My chains are gone)'

AMAZING GRACE HOW SWEET THE SOUND

That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Closing Prayer