

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 15th December 2024

Tom Watts is leading our service
and David Ashman is preaching this morning

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'Come praise and glorify'

COME PRAISE AND GLORIFY OUR GOD

The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God the Three in One

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Children's talk: Corinne Brixton

Children's Song 'The King of Christmas'

LET THE CHRISTMAS TREE REMIND YOU

Of the one who trusts the Lord
Who walks the path of godliness
And loves to hear God's word
Pray that as you grow up
That's just how you will be
Standing tall for Jesus
Like the Christmas tree

*Let your love show ho ho
Let your faith grow ho ho
That everyone will know
Christ the King of Christmas*

Well let the fairy lights remind you
Of that bright and shining star
Spotted by the wise men
Who travelled from afar
They gave Jesus all their treasures
And then they worshiped Him that night
Let your worship of King Jesus
Shine like fairy lights

Well let the candy cane remind you
Of God's amazing grace
Red the blood of Jesus
As He suffered in our place
White the full forgiveness
Won as Jesus rose again
You can tell your friends the gospel
With a candy cane

Well let all the gifts at Christmas time
Fill your heart with praise
To God for all His goodness
Shown in O so many ways
That everyday in every way
We'd be completely His
Give your life to Jesus
As a Christmas gift

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

This week, Pathfinders (Years 7-10) will stay upstairs in the service.

Song: 'Yet not I but through Christ in me'

WHAT GIFT OF GRACE IS JESUS MY REDEEMER

There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Confession:

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:

ALL: forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:

ALL: forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:

ALL: forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:

ALL: forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:

ALL: forgive us our sin. Amen.

Prayers: Jack Brooks

Reading: Luke 3:7-20 on page 1029 (Anita Nadkarni)

Song: 'As the heavens are higher'

AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH

So His ways are higher than the ways of this world
And His thoughts run deeper than the mind of man
Father break into our darkened hearts

Come and drink the river of His Word
If you thirst for water that can satisfy
Come and join the banquet at the Master's feast
Where His love and faithfulness provide

Come and listen to His gentle voice
For the words He speaks to us are Spirit and life
Come and seek your Saviour while He may be found
Sure that Jesus' words can never lie

*I will trust in You as You speak to me
I will turn to You as You call my name
As the rain gives life on this arid ground
So Your word will bring Your children home*

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Sermon: Produce fruit in keeping with repentance

Song: 'Jesus comes with clouds descending'

JESUS COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

See the Lamb for sinners slain
Thousand thousand saints attending
Join to sing the glad refrain
Alleluia alleluia alleluia
God appears on earth to reign

Every eye shall then behold him
Robed in awesome majesty
Those who jeered at him and sold him
Pierced and nailed him to the tree
Shamed and grieving
Shamed and grieving
Shamed and grieving
Shall their true Messiah see

All the wounds of cross and passion
Still his glorious body bears
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers
With what gladness
With what gladness
With what gladness
We shall see the Saviour's scars

Yes Amen let all adore you
High on your eternal throne
Crowns and empires fall before you
Claim the kingdom for your own
Come Lord Jesus
Come Lord Jesus
Come Lord Jesus
Everlasting God come down

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Closing Prayer