

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 5th January 2025

Gareth Burns is leading our service and
Nick Batt is preaching this morning

This morning we celebrate Holy Communion

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 song: 'Good news family'

WE'VE GOT GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

We've got good news for me

We've got good news, it's Jesus

We're the good news family

Jesus came down from heaven

God in the flesh

Perfectly living in the middle of our mess

Jesus said he had come to seek and save the lost

And he paid for our sins, dying on the cross

Jesus rose up from the dead

On the third day

Met with his witnesses and sent them on their way

Promised his Holy Spirit to empower them

Now we are going as people he has sent

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

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

Notices

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.

Song: 'There is one gospel'

THERE IS ONE GOSPEL ON WHICH I STAND

For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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Prayers: Corinne Brixton

Reading: Psalm 78:1-16 on page 590 (Logan Naidu)

Song: 'Behold the power of his word'

BEHOLD THE POWER OF HIS WORD

He spoke – creation came to be
I will trust his promise
He hung the stars – a guarantee
His word is strong enough for me
I will trust his promise

*Generations rise generations fall
But his word is living
And his word is sure
Evermore evermore evermore*

There is salvation in his word
His voice has called us from the grave
I will trust his promise
We are surrounded by his grace
Here in the midst of those he's saved
I will trust his promise

Our eyes have seen
Our ears have heard
We are a witness to
The power of your word
So we will tell
Your promises are good
In Jesus Christ we have
Your every word fulfilled

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Sermon: We will tell the next generation

Holy Communion

Song: 'Facing a task unfinished'

FACING A TASK UNFINISHED

That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

*We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord*

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

Chorus...

O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake

Chorus...

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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.