

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 16th March 2025

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

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: ‘

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's love is the best love'

GOD'S LOVE IS THE BEST LOVE
that the world has ever, ever known.

Deeper, than the deep sea
is the love that God above has shown.
Higher than the rockets up in space,
wider than the total human race.

*God's love is the best love
that the world has ever, ever
can ever, ever,
will ever, ever know.*

Author unknown

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

This week, Pathfinders (Years 7-10) will also go downstairs.

Song: 'Across the lands'

YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER

From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

*You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands*

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

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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: Fiona Kennedy

Reading: Psalm 119:161-176 on page 622 (James Lee)

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: Delighting in God in His word

Song: 'O church arise' (Arise shine)

O CHURCH ARISE AND PUT YOUR ARMOUR ON

Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of Truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

*Arise shine for your Light has come
Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride
Arise O Church arise*

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from his grave
This victory march continues 'til the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory

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Closing Prayer