

## Order of Service for Sunday morning – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

This morning we celebrate Holy Communion

### Welcome & Opening Prayer

**Song: 'Oh What A Saviour'**

#### **LIFT YOUR EYES TO THE LORD YOUR GOD**

Father of goodness and grace  
All of your burdens and gifts of praise  
Come lay them down in this place

*For His arm is mighty and His love will endure  
His plan is perfect His victory is sure  
And His anger is righteous but His grace is free  
Oh what a Saviour is He  
Oh what a Saviour is He*

Lift your souls to the Lord your god  
Maker of heaven and earth  
Sun and moon bow before His throne  
Praise Him for all He is worth

Lift your minds to the Lord your God  
He will fulfil all your needs  
Seek His wisdom attend His words  
Follow wherever He leads

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## **Children's song: 'God is a holy God'**

### **GOD IS A HOLY GOD**

(God is a holy God)  
We can't be friends because of our sin  
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God is a holy God  
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We can't be friends because of our sin  
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Jesus died to wash us clean  
When we put our trust in Him  
God opens His arms and welcomes us in  
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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:**

*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.*

## **Song: 'Creator God'**

### **CREATOR GOD WHO SHAPED THE EARTH AND HEAVENS**

Your glory shines in all that you have made  
You spoke the Word who broke into the darkness  
All earth replies majestic is Your name  
And who am I though made below the angels  
That You my King are mindful of my ways  
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus  
I lift my voice to join with them in praise

Redeeming God creation's song fell silent  
As on the cross the Light was pierced with dark  
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered  
The One who spoke out stars now breathes His last  
And who am I the lowliest of sinners  
That You would pay the price my sin deserves  
My Maker scarred for those who marred His likeness  
And from His wounds flows mercy unreserved

O living God You broke the tomb in glory  
Death could not hold the One who authored life  
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness  
And in our hearts His risen life now shines  
And who are we that You would call us children  
And raise us up from death to life with you  
Where we will sing the New Creation anthem  
O praise the One who's making all things new

And so we wait in eager expectation  
And join the song as all creation groans  
Lord haste the Day decay is slain by glory  
The Day you call Your sons and daughters home

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**Prayers: Jack Brooks**

**Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 on page 990 (Roger Staton)**

## **Song: 'Gentle and lowly'**

### **GENTLE AND LOWLY PATIENT AND KIND**

Ever approachable saviour of mine  
All of my weakness meets your embrace  
Failure and sin meet compassion and grace  
Gentle and lowly Patient and kind  
Ever approachable saviour of mine

Seeing my suffering knowing my fear  
Mercy compels you in love to draw near  
Joy without measure flows through your soul  
Taking my burdens and bearing them all  
Seeing my suffering knowing my fear  
Mercy compels you in love to draw near

Humble redeemer there on the tree  
Nothing could stop you from suffering for me  
Speechless in wonder angels above  
Never had seen such self-emptying love  
Humble redeemer there on the tree  
Nothing could stop you from suffering for me

Gentle and lowly patient and kind  
No other saviour like Jesus I find  
Though my heart changes yours never does  
Ever unchanging compassion and love  
Gentle and lowly patient and kind  
No other saviour like Jesus I find  
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## **Sermon: The King's banquet**

## **Holy Communion**

## **Song: 'Crown him with many crowns'**

**CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS,**  
the Lamb upon his throne,  
while heaven's eternal anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died to be  
your Saviour and your matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life  
triumphant from the grave,  
who rose victorious from the strife  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing  
who died and reigns on high;  
he died eternal life to bring  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love,  
who shows his hands and side -  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright..

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres  
in majesty sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail,  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail  
through all eternity!

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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.