

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 18th May 2025

Tom Watts is leading our service and Luke Foster from Oak Hill Theological College is preaching this morning.
Today is Mission Sunday

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'Let your kingdom come'

YOUR GLORIOUS CAUSE O GOD

Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

*Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come*

Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

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Children's Talk: David Rue

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

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

Song: 'Your cross O Lord'

YOUR CROSS O LORD TAUGHT ME TO SEE

That though I fail you every day
Your steadfast love will not fail me
But gladly bears my sin away
And there I see your holy fire
Consuming sin in mercy's blood
What righteousness and love require
To ransom sinners to their God

Your cross o lord taught me to weep
For there my sin led you away
And e'en the sun did bow in grief
As darkness crowned our darkest day
And oh to think that I once stood
Indifferent to your suffering
And oh to see your sweat like blood
Such depths of sorrow borne for me

Your cross O Lord taught me to love
For there I've tasted love divine
It fills my heart with power enough
To make your costly service mine
No sin too great to meet with grace
No enemy too foul to bless
Your love in wounds of sacrifice
Teach me O Lord to love like this

Your cross O Lord taught me to sing
For now my captive soul is free
No guilt no fear no suffering
Can tear away your love from me
No song can reach such heights of joy
No tongue can tell such depths of peace
No power no time can e'er destroy
The eternal praise for Calvary

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Interview

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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: Hannah Rue

Reading: Luke 1:46-56 on page 1026 (Berwyn Rutherford)

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: The song that moves us to mission

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...

Closing Prayer