

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 23rd August 2026

Alex Chitra is leading and James Townsend is preaching this morning

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'Holy holy holy'

HOLY HOLY HOLY LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Early in the morning our song to You shall be
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy all the saints adore You
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before You
Who was and is and ever more shall be

Holy holy holy tho' the darkness hide You
Though the eye of sinful man Your glory may not see
Only You are holy no one can match You
Perfect in power love and purity

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
All Your works shall praise Your Name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

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Mission Partner Interview

Children's song: 'We are the Church'

BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN

God made a masterplan
To bring all things together
Under one head
That head is Jesus Christ
Who died and rose to life
And now he's seated
At the right hand of God

Once we were dead in sin
Now we are raised with him
By grace we're saved, through faith
In Jesus alone
Part of his body now
United by his power
Joined with his people
A-all over the world

*We are the church, have you heard?
He washed us clean with his word
He chose us to be on his team
We are more loved than we could dream
We've got good news, shout it out
You've got to hear what it's all about
No-one's too far away to be
Welcomed into God's family*

Speaking the truth in love
To build the body up
We serve each other
Using gifts from the King
We pray for unity
So everyone will see
God's plan in action
In his people today

One Lord, one faith
One God, one Father
One body, one Spirit
We are one in Christ
One hope, one truth
One cross, one Saviour
One mission, one future
We are one in Christ

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

Song: 'How Deep The Father's Love For Us'

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ranso

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Church family news

Prayers: Corinne Brixton

Readings: Psalm 130 on page 624 (Iain Roxborough)

After the reading This is the Word of the Lord

ALL *Thanks be to God*

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 foreve

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*

Sermon: Out of the depths

Confession:

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

² *Lord, hear my voice.*

*Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.*

³ *If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?*

⁴ *But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.*

⁵ *I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.*

⁶ *I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.*

⁷ *Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.*

⁸ *He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Song: 'The Lord is my salvation'

THE GRACE OF GOD HAS REACHED FOR ME

And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

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Closing Prayer