

Sunday 21st February: 10am Order of Service

Stewardship (week 1)

Welcome and introduction

Heavenly Father, give grace to us, the living stones who form your Church, to reflect prayerfully at this special time on our love for you and our neighbour. Make us mindful of the many gifts you bestow upon us. We ask that your Holy Spirit will inspire and direct us in our choice of giving, remembering that we are only giving back that which is truly yours. Strengthen us, Lord, to meet this challenge according to your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who has given all that we might live. Amen.

Song: Praise is Rising Paul Baloche

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You,
we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,
we long for You

'Cause when we see You,
we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away,
washed away

Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new

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we find strength to face the day
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Chorus

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Chorus

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Celebrating the Gifts of God

Confession and Absolution

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness for our failure to respond fully to his grace, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

A time of silence for reflection

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

Renew us and fill us with your Spirit. Lord have mercy.

We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

Renew us and fill us with your Spirit. Christ have mercy.

We confess that we have resisted your will and have failed to live in the light.

Renew us and fill us with your Spirit. Lord have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Bible Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Song: Light of the world Hillsong

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, Let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you

*Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days
So highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song: How great is our God Chris Tomlin

The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

You're the name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God
How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Prayers of Intercession

Song: This is amazing grace Phil Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

Chorus

Notices and Blessing

May the Father, who loved the world so much that he gave us His Son grant us faith to live a transformed life. Amen.

May the Son who revealed the Father to us grant us the spirit of generosity. Amen

May the Spirit set our minds on the things of God and strengthen us to walk in the way of Christ. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**