



**St Michael's and All Angels, Galleywood**

**Service of the Word**

**February 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**“A Matter of Death and Life”**

## **Welcome and Introduction**

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognize his presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered:  
**Let us worship him together.**

## **MP 799: All I Once Held Dear**

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus,  
Knowing you, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
To be found in you and known as yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

*Knowing you, Jesus, ...*

Oh, to know the power of your risen life,  
And to know you in your sufferings.  
To become like you in your death, my Lord,  
So with you to live and never die.

*Knowing you, Jesus,  
Knowing you, there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love you, Lord – love you Lord.*

Graham Kendrick

### **MP 995: Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice,  
You became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,  
And I'm in that place once again.  
And I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon  
The cross where You died,  
I'm humbled by Your mercy  
And I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank You,  
Once again I pour out my life.*

Now You are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.  
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,  
And I'm full of praise once again.  
I'm full of praise once again.

*And once again I look upon  
The cross where You died,  
I'm humbled by Your mercy  
And I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank You,  
Once again I pour out my life.*

Thank You for the cross,  
Thank You for the cross,  
Thank You for the cross, my Friend. (*Repeat*)

*And once again I look upon  
The cross where You died,  
I'm humbled by Your mercy  
And I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank You,  
Once again I pour out my life.*

*Matt Redman*

### **MP 1000: King Of Kings**

King of kings, Majesty,  
God of heaven living in me.  
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:  
All within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow.  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship you,  
Love eternal, faithful and true,  
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
Brought this sinner near to your throne:  
All within me cries out in praise.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve your majesty.  
I live to serve your majesty.*

*Jarrold Cooper*

## **Confession**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness,  
We confess to you, with our whole heart our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts we have done to others, and the good we have left undone.  
O Lord, forgive us, for we have sinned against you;  
and raise us to newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Absolution**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Collect**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## **Prayer for Sonlight and Mega**

**Mission Update** – Jane: International Mission to Jewish People

## **MP 1209: My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness**

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me with his light,  
And wrote his law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
Whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow him.

*Stuart Townend and Keith Getty*

### **Readings – Ann**

#### **Psalm 119:17 – 32**

<sup>17</sup> Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your word.

<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

<sup>19</sup> I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

<sup>20</sup> My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.

<sup>21</sup> You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed, those who stray from your commands.

<sup>22</sup> Remove from me their scorn and contempt, for I keep your statutes.  
<sup>23</sup> Though rulers sit together and slander me, your servant will meditate on your decrees.  
<sup>24</sup> Your statutes are my delight; they are my counsellors.

<sup>25</sup> I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word.  
<sup>26</sup> I gave an account of my ways and you answered me; teach me your decrees.  
<sup>27</sup> Cause me to understand the way of your precepts, that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>28</sup> My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.  
<sup>29</sup> Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law.  
<sup>30</sup> I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.  
<sup>31</sup> I hold fast to your statutes, Lord; do not let me be put to shame.  
<sup>32</sup> I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding.

## **Romans 5:12 – 19**

### **Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all people, because all sinned, – <sup>13</sup> To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** – Fiona

### **MP 1151: Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone,  
I've been set free,  
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

*My chains are gone,  
I've been set free,  
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.

*John Newton, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio*

## **Thanksgiving for Offerings**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Intercessions – Sue**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and for ever.

Amen.

### **Banns, Notices and Family News**



## MP 1072: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Stewart Townend and Keith Getty*

## Closing Prayer and Blessing

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy Word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths,  
and a strength in all our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve you in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

You are called and loved by God the Father and kept safe by Jesus Christ.

Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance,  
from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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