



Service sheet for Sunday 17 March at 10am

Leader: Jane      Preacher: Chris      Music: Paul

Passiontide

“Unexpected”

**Welcome**

At this time we journey through Lent,

Towards the celebration of glory that is Easter.

Wait for the Lord; praise his name;

Be strong and brave; put your hope in the Lord.

**We will praise the name of the Lord.**

**We will trust in him and keep the faith of Jesus Christ.**

## Hymns

### Hymn MP 315

1 I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me.  
How He left His home in glory  
For the cross of Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me-  
Sing it with His saints in glory  
Gathered by the crystal sea

2 I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Raised me up and gently led me  
Back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
Sorrow's paths I oft may tread,  
But His presence still is with me;  
By His guiding hand I'm led.

3 He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then He'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rowley

### MP 458

1, "Man of Sorrows," what a name  
For the Son of God who came

**Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!**

**2, Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood;  
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!**

**3, Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full redemption—can it be?  
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!**

**4, Lifted up was He to die,  
“It is finished!” was His cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high;  
Hallelujah! What a Saviour!**

**5 When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we’ll sing  
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!**

Philip Paul Bliss

**MP 673**

**There is a Redeemer  
Jesus God’s own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.**

***Thank You, O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.***

**Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain**

***Thank You ...***

**When I stand in glory  
I will see his face,  
And there I'll serve my King for ever  
*In that holy place.***

***Thank you ...***

*Melody Green*

***Confession***

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

***Assurance of forgiveness***

*May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself and cleanse us  
from all our sins.*

*That we may behold the glory of His Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen*

***Collect***

***Prayer for Sonlight***

***Mission slot. Made for more. Pam***

**MP 1181**

**Here I am, humbled by Your Majesty  
Covered by Your grace so free  
Here I am, knowing I'm a sinful man**

Covered by the blood of the Lamb  
Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine  
Since You laid down Your life  
Your greatest sacrifice

*Majesty, Majesty*  
*Your grace has found me just as I am*  
*Empty-handed but alive in Your hands*  
*Majesty, Majesty.*  
*Forever I am changed by Your love*  
*In the presence of Your majesty*

Here I am humbled by the love that You give  
Forgiven so that I can forgive  
Here I stand  
Knowing that I'm Your desire  
Sanctified by glory and fire  
And now I've found the greatest love of all is mine  
Since You laid down Your life  
The greatest sacrifice

*Majesty, Majesty*  
*Your grace has found me just as I am*  
*Empty-handed but alive in Your hands*  
*Singing Majesty, Majesty*  
*Forever I am changed by Your love*  
*In the presence of Your Majesty*

Stuart Garrard and Martin Smith

**Reading. Wendy**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD,  
‘when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

**32** It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to[a] them,'[b]  
declares the LORD.

**33** 'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,' declares the LORD.

'I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

**34** No longer will they teach their neighbour,  
or say to one another, "Know the LORD,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,'  
declares the LORD.

'For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.'

John 12: 20-33

### Jesus predicts his death

**20** Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. **21** They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' **22** Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

**23** Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. **25** Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

**27** 'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. **28** Father, glorify your name!'

Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.’ **29** The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

**30** Jesus said, ‘This voice was for your benefit, not mine. **31** Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. **32** And I, when I am lifted up[a] from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ **33** He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

**Sermon. Chris**

**Hymn MP 795**

**You laid aside Your majesty,  
gave up everything for me.  
Suffered at the hands  
of those You had created.  
You took all my guilt and shame,  
When You died and rose again.  
Now today You reign,  
In heaven and earth exalted.**

**I really want to worship You my Lord,  
You have won my heart and I am Yours.  
Forever and ever,  
I will love You.  
You are the only one who died for me,  
Gave Your life to set me free.  
So I lift my voice to You  
in adoration.**

Noel Richards

**Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Offertory prayer**

**Intercessions. David**

**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, family news and notices**

**MP 1217**

**Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,**



**Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.**

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

**Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.**

*This the power....*

**Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.**

*This the power...*

**Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.**

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

### **Closing Prayer**

**Christ the Son of God  
Perfect in us the image of his glory,  
And gladden our hearts  
With the good news of his kingdom.**

**Let us go in peace  
We go into the world  
To walk in God's light  
To rejoice in God's love  
And to reflect God's glory. Amen**

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