



Service sheet for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10am

**The Father of Faith**

**Leader: Travers Harpur    Preacher Geoff Windus**

**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 trust Him and keep the faith of Jesus Christ.**

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord.**

**HYMNS**

**MP 560**

**1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,**

Who like thee His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
praise Him! praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress.  
Praise Him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
praise Him! praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He Knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
praise Him! praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy goes.

4. Angels help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! praise Him!  
praise Him! praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte

MP 957

We want to see Jesus lifted high  
A banner that flies across this land  
That all men might see the truth and know  
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*We want to see, we want to see  
We want to see Jesus lifted high  
We want to see, we want to see  
We want to see Jesus lifted high.*

Step by step we're moving forward  
Little by little taking ground  
Every prayer a powerful weapon  
Strongholds come tumbling down  
And down and down and down.

*We want to see, we want to see  
We want to see Jesus lifted high  
We want to see, we want to see  
We want to see Jesus lifted high.*

Doug Horley

MP 966

Wonderful grace  
that gives what I don't deserve,  
pays me what Christ has earned,  
then lets me go free.  
Wonderful grace  
that gives me the time to change,  
washes away the stains  
that once covered me.

*And all that I have  
I lay at the feet  
Of the wonderful Saviour  
Who loves me*

Wonderful love  
that held in the face of death,  
beathed in its latest breath  
forgiveness for me.  
Wonderful love  
whose power can break every chain,  
giving us life again  
and setting us free.

***And all that I have  
I lay at the feet  
Of the wonderful Saviour  
Who loves me***

John Pantry

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.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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**

**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**

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Prayer for Sonlight**

**Mission slot – Veryan Wilson**

**Hymn MP 1168**

**Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of the nations**

*Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave*

**So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender**

**[Chorus]**

**Shine Your light and  
Let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine Your light ...**

**Chorus**

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

**Readings Cesca**

**Psalm 22:23 to end**

**23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, honour him!  
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!**

**24 For he has not despised or scorned  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.**

**25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you I will fulfil my vows.**

**26 The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord will praise him –  
may your hearts live for ever!**

**27 All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him,**

**28 for dominion belongs to the Lord  
and he rules over the nations.**

**29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him –  
those who cannot keep themselves alive.**

**30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord.**

**31 They will proclaim his righteousness,  
declaring to a people yet unborn:  
He has done it!**

#### **Romans 4:13 to end**

**13 It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, 15 because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.**

**16 Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. 17 As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.**

**18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall**

your offspring be.’<sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah’s womb was also dead.<sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,<sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.<sup>22</sup> This is why ‘it was credited to him as righteousness.’<sup>23</sup> The words ‘it was credited to him’ were written not for him alone,<sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.<sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Sermon: Geoff Windus

Hymn MP 1262

By faith, we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation’s grand design;  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand –  
A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

**By faith, the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news,  
In every corner of the earth.**

## **Chorus**

**By faith, this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name.**

## **Chorus x2**

Keith & Krystyn Getty ad Stuart Townend

## **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.      Jane Windus**

**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**

**Hymn MP 825**

**Faithful one, so unchanging  
Ageless one, you're my rock of peace  
Lord of all I depend on you  
I call out to you, again and again  
I call out to you, again and again  
You are my rock in times of trouble  
You lift me up when I fall down  
All through the storm  
Your love is, the anchor  
My hope is in You alone.      Repeat**

**Brian Doerksen**

**Closing Prayer**

God of compassion,  
through your Son Jesus Christ  
you have reconciled your people to yourself.  
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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