



Order of Service
Sunday, 25 July 2021 – Mr Dick Haffenden

Welcome

Call to Worship

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness, o God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

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Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Prayer

Psalm 16:8-11 (Tune: Eventide, 16)

8 Before me constantly
I set the LORD alone.
Because he is at my right hand
I'll not be overthrown.

10 For you will not allow
my soul in death to stay,
Nor will you leave your Holy One
to see the tomb's decay.

9 Therefore my heart is glad;
my tongue with joy will sing.
My body too will rest secure
in hope unwavering.

11 You have made known to me
the path of life divine.
Bliss shall I know at your right hand;
joy from your face will shine.

Bible reading

John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Psalm 73(a):21-28 (Tune: Eventide, 283)

21 When in my heart I was consumed with grief,
And when my soul was filled with bitterness,
22 Then I was like a brute beast in your sight,
So full of ignorance and foolishness.

23 Yet I remain with you continually;
By my right hand you hold me as my guide.
24 You'll lead me with your counsel to the end
And take me into glory to abide.

25 In heavèn whom have I but you alone?
On earth there's no one else whom I adore.
26 Although my heart may fail and flesh grow weak,
God is my strength and portion evermore.

27 Those who are far from you will be cut down;
All those who are unfaithful you destroy.
28 But I'll draw near and shelter in my God;
Your deeds, O LORD, I will recount with joy.

Sermon: *The Word was with God*

Great is the Gospel of our Glorious God

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Great is the gospel of our glorious God,
where mercy met the anger of God's rod;
a penalty was paid and pardon bought,
and sinners lost at last to Him were brought:

Refrain:

*O let the praises of my heart be Thine,
for Christ has died that I may call Him mine,
that I may sing with those who dwell above,
adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.*

Great is the mystery of godliness,
great is the work of God's own holiness;
it moves my soul, and causes me to long
for greater joys than to the earth belong:
Refrain

The Spirit vindicated Christ our Lord,
and angels sang with joy and sweet accord;
the nations heard, a dark world flamed with light
when Jesus rose in glory and in might:
Refrain

Benediction