



Sunday 1st March

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: The One who turns things upside down is among us

All: and we pray we will see the new thing he is doing.

One: The One who loves first, so that we too may love, is among us

All: and we open ourselves to receive as well as give.

One: The One who is Sovereign of all is among us

All: and we will follow his lead.

Hymn CH4 510 - Jesus calls us here to meet him

1 Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

2 Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

3 Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

4 Jesus calls us to his table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the Church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.

John L. Bell (*b.* 1949) and Graham Maule (*b.* 1958)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

HYMN - CH4 523 Hands to work and feet to run

Hands to work and feet to run,
God's good gifts to me and you;
hands and feet he gave to us
to help each other the whole day through.

Eyes to see and ears to hear,
God's good gifts to me and you;
eyes and ears he gave to us
to help each other the whole day through.

Minds to think and hearts to love,
God's good gifts to me and you;
minds and hearts he gave to us
to help each other the whole day through.

Hilda Margaret Dodd

All age Time

HYMN - MP1 A new commandment

A new commandment
I give unto you
That you love one another
As I have loved you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you.
By this shall all men
Know you are My disciples
If you have love one to another.
By this shall all men
Know you are My disciples
If you have love one to another.

(Repeat the last three lines)

Scripture Reading Psalm 51:7-12

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

John 13:1-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'

Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'

'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.'

Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.'

'Then, Lord,' Simon Peter replied, 'not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!'

Jesus answered, 'Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.' For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 'You call me "Teacher" and "Lord", and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.'

Sermon

Communion Hymn - LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6 D

("Lead On, O King Eternal"; "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers")

The night of his betrayal, Christ Jesus took the bread,
And there with friends at table, he blessed it and he said,
"This is my body broken; I offer it to you.
Remember what I've spoken! Remember what I do!"

And then he took the chalice, and taught them one more time;
He said, "Receive the promise — my blood, in table wine.
As often as you do this, remember what I've done."
We eat and drink proclaiming Christ's death until he comes.

He got up from the supper and humbly served his friends;
With basin, towel and water, he showed how love extends.
He could have asked for glory, yet in a servant's place,
He lived the gospel story and showed God's love and grace.

The cup is our salvation, the bread, Lord, comes from you.
The water in the basin reminds us what is true:
Your love is your commandment to those who seek your way.
Now nourish us and send us, so we may serve today.

Communion

All:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

ALL:

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Hymn Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace,
come to the table of grace.
This is God's table its not yours or
mine,
come to the table of grace

Come to the table of hope,
come to the table of hope.
This is God's table its not yours or
mine,
come to the table of hope

Come to the table of peace,
come to the table of peace.
This is God's table its not yours or
mine,
come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of joy,
come to the table of joy.
This is God's table its not yours or
mine,
come to the table of joy.

Come to the table of love,
come to the table of love.
This is God's table its not yours or
mine,
come to the table of love.

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Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Offering

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication led today

Hymn - CH4 374 from heaven you came - the servant king-

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

2 There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

3 Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

4 So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Benediction