

**Hymn Sheet for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
**Service led by Rev George Lea**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn**

Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the chains of sin before Him break,  
the iron fetters yield.

He comes to free the captive mind  
where evil thoughts control;  
and for the darkness of the blind,  
gives light that makes them whole.

He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the wounded soul to cure;  
and with the treasures of His grace  
to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Your welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with Your beloved name.

**Welcome**

**Prayers of Praise and Lord's Prayer**

**Church Family News and Notices**

**Introduction**

**Reading – Matthew 2 v 1- 12**

**Hymn**

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  
(Chorus)

*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  
(Chorus)

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  
(Chorus)

## **The Gifts the Wise Men Brought – Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh**

### **The Gifts that Jesus Brought – Grace, Love and Forgiveness**

#### **1. Love**

##### **Hymn**

Such love, pure as the whitest snow;  
such love weeps for the shame I know;  
such love, paying the debt I owe;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;  
such love, filling my emptiness;  
such love, showing me holiness;  
O Jesus, such love.

Such love springs from eternity;  
such love, streaming through history;  
such love, fountain of life to me;  
O Jesus, such love.

#### **2. Grace**

#### **3. Forgiveness**

### **...And Your Choice followed by Offering and Collection of Suggestions**

##### **Hymn**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;  
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes:  
I love You, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay  
close by me for ever and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in Your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with You there.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Hymn**

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.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
`Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

### **Blessing and Grace**

### **Organ Voluntary**

Postlude on the hymn-tune '*Was lebet*' (O worship the Lord) by Christopher Tambling