

Hymn Sheet for Sunday Morning 25th February 2024
The Service is led by Rev Lesley Moseley

Call to Worship Psalm 22:23-31

(Unbolded – Choir Side: **Bolded** – Pulpit Side: **Highlighted** – ALL)

- ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob,
glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live for ever!
- ²⁷ **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;**
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- ²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the LORD,** and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; **future generations will be told about the Lord,**
- ³¹ **and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

Song MP187

God is love: let heaven adore Him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before Him,
and exalt Him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heavens above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is love, eternal love.

God is love: and He enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp He holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
all the sorrow, all the aching,
wings with pain the heart of God.

God is love: and though unknowing
sin afflicts and clouds the will,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds us fast and guides us still.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Introduction to the theme

Song MP160

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
we bow and bless the sacred name, for ever blessed.

The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise, and seek the joys
at His right hand;
we all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame, and power;
and Him our only portion make, our shield and tower.

The God of Abraham praise,
whose all-sufficient grace
shall guide us all our happy days,
in all our ways:
He is our faithful friend;
He is our gracious God;
and He will save us to the end,
through Jesus' blood.

He by Himself has sworn
we on His oath depend
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold His face,
we shall His power adore,
and sing the wonders of His grace
for evermore.

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!'
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!
We join the heavenly lays;
and celebrate with all our powers
His endless praise.

Bible Readings Genesis 17 v 1-7, 15-16; Romans 4 v 13-25; Mark 9 v 2- 9

Song

Give to me Lord a thankful heart
and a discerning mind:
give, as I play the Christian's part,
the strength to finish what I start
and act on what I find.

When, in the rush of days, my will
is habit-bound and slow
help me to keep in vision still
what love and power and peace can fill
a life that trusts in you.

By your divine and urgent claim
and by your human face
kindle our sinking hearts to flame
and as you teach the world your name
let it become your place.

Jesus, with all your church I long
to see your kingdom come:
show me your way of righting wrong
and turning sorrow into song
until you bring me home

Reflection

Hymn

God of the pilgrim way,
guide of each generation
through ever changing years
our sure and firm foundation:
we turn to you, the source
of all that's good and true,
the never failing store
of treasures old and new.

We praise you for the lives
of those who went before us,
saints honoured, saints unsung,
the witness which they bore us;
for those who took to heart
the prayer of Christ the Son,
that all who bear his name
should be in Christ as one:

One Church, a house of peace,
where people long surrounded
by walls built to divide
meet, held in love unbounded.
The suff'ring of our world,
the sorrows of our earth
cry for your healing touch,
long for a second birth.

And when the way grows hard,
and will and purpose fail us,
when dreams and vision die,
and doubts and fears assail us,
let wisdom from on high
our troubled spirits raise,
walk with us on the road
and set our hearts ablaze.

United for your sake,
by grace a new creation,
grant us the strength to serve
the work of your salvation:
hope for a world unsoiled
by terror, lies and greed,
faith in a future blest
where Love's commandments lead.

Prayers of Concern (with response)

(Leader) We pray for your healing and love to flow into the situations we bring to you now.

(Congregation) **Loving God help me to play my part in changing the world.**

Song

To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear:
'Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair
You need not fear the journey,
for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God'.

From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
that 'You shall be my people
and I will be your God'.

We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
that 'You shall be my people
and I will be your God'.

Blessing

Exit Music: Allabreve by J S Bach