

**Sam's order of service
For Sunday Service at St
Nicholas church,
Sighthill - 12/02/2023**

Welcome/Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn CH4 465 Be Thou My Vision

All-Age Talk: The King of Hearts

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Song: Jesus Love is Very Wonderful

Reading 1 Samuel 30:1-8 Pg. 302

Luke 22:39-43 Pg. 1058

2 Corinthians 12 V: 7-10. Pg. 1166.

Sermon "Lord gimme strength"

Reflective Song: Part of your Plan (Fischy Music)

Hymn CH4 153 - Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prayers for Others

Mission Praise Lord of the Church (Tune
Londonderry Air)

Benediction

**Tom's order of Service
for Sunday service at
Slateford Longstone
Church - 12/02/2023**

Call to prayer

Hymn: Do not be afraid for I have
redeemed you (CH4 191)

Prayer

A responsive prayer based on the
Lord's Prayer

Hymn: All things bright and
beautiful

Bohemian waxwings arrive in
undulating, chirruping troops,
sometimes in their hundreds
(more pics of waxwings)



Bible Reading: Matthew 6:25-27;
Mark 5:36

Song: Shine Jesus Shine

Reflection: 'I guess someone forgot
to tell the birds'

Prayers for offerings and others
(A special prayer for Turkey and
Syria)

Final Song: How great Thou art

Final blessings and grace

Prayer



O God, for whom and through whom all things exist, today, in this congregation with your faithful people everywhere, and with all creation, we join in praising you.

For you are praised by all you have made: the angels in heaven and the sun, moon and stars; mountains and trees and all the forces of nature; animals and birds and creepy crawlies - all creation praises you!

Rulers and the lowliest of people, young and old, men and women alike - together, all your people praise you!

We praise you that, in your gracious love for us you did not send an angel or a messenger to bring salvation. Instead, you sent your very Son, born in a manger to Mary and Joseph, living a human life with all its joys and perils, suffering and dying and being raised to life so that we would all become the sisters and brothers of Jesus.

We thank you that you walk with us every day. May we honour, worship and adore you with every fibre of our being. On this day we join with all those who worship and confess you as Lord, from generations past and present, and with all the angels that sing in heaven of your greatness and splendour. Lord we adore you. Lord we love you. Lord we bow down and worship you.

CALL TO PRAYER

No matter what our challenges are, Jesus has the power and the desire to quell our fears, to give us courage. As we pray together today, let us consider the message for ourselves personally and for our organization, that, as Christians have done over the centuries, we may find comfort and hope in Jesus's words, "Do not be afraid Let us join together in reading the joyful Psalm 150.

ALL: Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy sanctuary; give praise in the mighty dome of heaven. Give praise for his mighty deeds, praise him for his great majesty. Give praise with blasts upon the horn, praise him with harp and lyre. Give praise with tambourines and dance, praise him with flutes and strings. Give praise with crashing cymbals, praise him with sounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord! Hallelujah!."

Hymn: Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you (CH4 191)

**Chorus: Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you
I have called you by your name; you are mine.**

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you,
you will never sink beneath the waves.

Chorus

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

Chorus

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.

Chorus

When you dwell in the exile of the
stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.

Chorus

You are mine, O my child; I am your
Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

Gerald Markland (b. 1953)

A responsive prayer based on the Lord's Prayer

All: God in heaven, sacred is Your Name.

Leader: Source of all that is and ever shall be, God of all people. Living one, God revealed yet Mystery, God unlimited Creator and Healer, Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven

All: Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Leader: May knowledge of Your Holiness inspire all peoples, and may Your Kingdom of peace and freedom flourish on earth, wherever there is violence and hatred – Your Kingdom come. Wherever there is oppression and injustice – Your Kingdom come. Wherever there is segregation and alienation– Your Kingdom come.

All: Give us today our daily bread.

Leader: Bread of life, feed us with all that nourishes our souls. Help us to be gracious in our giving and humble in our receiving. May we find the bread that we need for today and when we can be tempted to want for more and more, help us to know what enough is.

All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Leader: Forgive us when we cause division acting without compassion or care. Forgive us when we choose to ignore the way of love. Forgive us for the hurts we cause one another. May we

be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive.

All: Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

Leader: In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong; when life seems overwhelming, help us to endure. Comfort all who are suffering in their hearts, in their minds, in their souls and in their bodies; give them health, hope and peace.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. AMEN

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

**Chorus
All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all**

1. Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colours
He made their tiny wings
2. He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well

CCLI Song # 1510282

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Bible Reading: Matthew 6:25-27

“Therefore, I tell you, **do not worry** about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life.”

Mark 5:36

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

Reflection: ‘I guess someone forgot to tell the birds’

Prayers for offerings and other (a special prayer for Turkey and Syria)

Leader: A series of devastating earthquakes have hit southern Turkey (now known as Türkiye) and north-west Syria, killing thousands of people and injuring many more. Thousands of buildings, including hospitals and schools, have collapsed and infrastructure has been badly damaged. People have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions, with humanitarian needs expected to grow in the coming days. Access to clean water will likely be a challenge, bringing the risk of cholera and other diseases.

Almighty God, in the face of unspeakable tragedy, the suffering of those in our community, and the destruction and loss of life in Syria and Turkey, we pray what the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 10:

All: Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely, you will hear their cries and comfort them. You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed.

Leader: Comfort the people whose family members and friends have died as a result of these earthquakes. Draw close to them. Equip all your people in Syria and Turkey to show the love and compassion to their neighbours by helping in tangible ways and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

All: Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Leader: Inspire generosity in the hearts of people in the United Kingdom and across the world, prompting individuals to give the resources and money needed to help communities rebuild. Empower us all to show radical love for our immediate neighbours who are grieving the loss of life, beauty, and peace in Syria and Turkey.

All: Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Leader: Lord, Let us not turn away. Let us not fear we can do nothing in the wake of such great tragedy. Let us not just look on in shock as we watch on TV families stand shock-stricken and mourn their dead. But help us be your hands and feet to love those who are suffering and bear witness to your presence with them.

All: We hold in our hearts those who are injured, and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes. Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Leader: Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster, those struggling to remove gravel, bricks and stones, bit by bit, house by house and from one community to another. Grant comfort, courage and resilience to your people in Syria and Turkey. Soften the hearts of leaders in Syria who, for political reasons and in areas already ravaged by war, are not moving fast enough to allow aid to come in and help those most affected. Again, inspire us to unite in solidarity, acting swiftly and generously, so that help may reach all who need it.

All: Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope. In Jesus’ name, Amen

Final Song: How great Thou art

Final blessings and grace

May the strength of God sustain us;
may the power of God preserve us;
may the hands of God protect us;
may the way of God direct us;
may the love of God go with us this day
and forever. And may the grace...