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Welcome, Notices

Call to worship & prayer of approach

**1<sup>st</sup> Hymn: Sing for God's glory**

1. Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,  
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;  
sun of delight, succeeds the velvet of night,  
warming the earth's exultation.
  
2. Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would  
bind us,  
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind  
us,  
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,  
reaching out gently to find us.
  
3. Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,  
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;  
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,  
offering freedom's transfusion.
  
4. Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey  
before us,  
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;  
in them we see the new creation to be,  
spirit of love made flesh for us.

Prayer: Praise & Confession  
The Lord's prayer

Reading: Matthew 5: 13 - 20

Introduction to the theme

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hymn: Mission Praise 445 Shine Jesus Shine**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth You now bring us  
shine on me, shine on me.

*(Chorus) Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into Your radiance;  
By Your blood I may enter Your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
shine on me, shine on me.

*(Chorus)*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
so our faces display Your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:

mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story  
shine on me, shine on me.  
(Chorus)

Offertory & dedication of offertory

Reading: Isaiah 58: 5 – 9a

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hymn: Rejoice and Sing: 636 The Church of Christ in every age**

1 The church of Christ in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live until they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring Church, that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord;

to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating Word.

## SERMON

### **4th Hymn: Mission Praise 1201: Longing for light ...**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your Holy people;  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus...*

*Christ be our light!  
Shine in our hearts,  
shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church  
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your world alone has power to save us.  
Make us Your living voice.

*Chorus...*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Chorus...*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us Your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Chorus...*

Many the gifts, many the people.  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making Your Kingdom come.

*Chorus...*

Prayer: Intercession

**5<sup>th</sup> Hymn: Mission Praise 744: We've a story to tell to the nations**

1 We've a story to tell to the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right;  
a story of truth and sweetness,  
a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noon-day bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.*

2 We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;  
a song that shall conquer evil,  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword:

*For the darkness . . .*

3 We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us His Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love:

*For the darkness . . .*

4 We've a Saviour to show to the nations,  
who the path of sorrow has trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples,  
might come to the truth of God,  
might come to the truth of God:

*For the darkness . . .*

Benediction ...

Recessional on Shine Jesus Shine, David Blackwell