

## SONG

You're the word of God the Father  
from before the world began;  
every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together  
by the power of Your voice:  
let the skies declare Your glory,  
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
you're the Lord of every man;  
and Your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
with a word You stilled the sea;  
yet how silently You suffered  
that the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation...*

With a shout You rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven  
leading captives in Your wake.

Now You stand before the Father  
interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
you are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation...*

## CLOSING PRAYER

## SERMON NOTES Joel 2:18-2:32

God restores us through judgment

God is with us forever



**Sunday 05 December 2021**

For the service, you'll need a copy of this service sheet and a bible, and if you are joining us from home your computer or tablet connected to Emmanuel's website.

WELCOME

by Ed Bowerman

## SONG

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father like He tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him,  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;  
Dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise Him, praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PRAYERS led by Alex & Becci Bitsios-Esposito

*Our children and young people go out to their groups*

## BIBLE READING

Joel 2:18 – 2:32 read by Nina Sedgwick

## SONG

As the heavens are higher than the earth  
so his ways are higher than the ways of this world,  
and his thoughts run deeper than the mind of man;  
Father, break into our darkened hearts.

Come and drink the river of his Word  
if you thirst for water that can satisfy;  
come and join the banquet at the Master's feast  
where his love and faithfulness provide.

*I will trust in you as you speak to me,  
I will turn to you as you call my name,  
as the rain gives life on this arid ground,  
so your Word will bring your children home.*

Come and listen to his gentle voice  
for the words he speaks to us are Spirit and life;  
come and seek your Saviour while he may be found,  
sure that Jesus' words can never lie.

BIBLE TALK by Paul Jenkins

## CONFESSION

As we come to the Lord's table we confess our great need of the death of Jesus which this bread and wine signify.

**Heavenly Father.**

**we praise you for adopting us as your children  
and making us heirs of eternal life  
in your Son Jesus Christ,  
who has freed us from our sins  
by his blood.**

**We know that we still fail to love you  
with all our heart,**

**We know that we still fail to serve you as we  
ought.**

**We know we need the death of Jesus for us.**

**Thank you that in him you pardon our offences  
and make us clean. May we continue  
as members of Christ,  
in whom alone is salvation. Amen.**

The Lord Jesus told us to eat and drink this supper to proclaim his death until he comes again.

Heavenly Father, it is our privilege to remind one another that you gave your only Son to die on the cross for our redemption. By his death, as the one perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ has offered all that was needed to take away the sins of the world. By rising to life, he has assured us of our resurrection to eternal life. By ascending to your right hand in heaven, he has poured out your promised Holy Spirit, equipping us to serve you.

How wonderful you are, our God and Saviour! How rich in mercy! How great the love with which you loved us! You have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing!

Therefore with your whole creation,  
and with all your people since time began,  
and with all the thousands upon thousands gathered  
now around your heavenly throne,  
we honour and glorify you, saying together:

**To him who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb,  
be blessing and honour  
and glory and might  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## SONG

You chose the cross with every breath,  
the perfect life, the perfect death:  
you chose the cross.

A crown of thorns you wore for us,  
and crowned us with eternal life:  
you chose the cross.

And though your soul was overwhelmed with pain,  
obedient to death you overcame.

*I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love,  
I'm lost in praise forevermore.  
Because of Jesus' unfailing love,  
I am forgiven, I am restored.*

You loosed the cords of sinfulness  
and broke the chains of my disgrace:  
you chose the cross.

Up from the grave victorious  
you rose again so glorious:  
you chose the cross.

The sorrow that surrounded you was mine.  
'Yet not my will but yours be done', you cried.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

*We share communion by passing the bread and wine along the rows; you might like to say to your neighbour:*

**Remember Jesus as you eat this bread  
Remember Jesus as you drink this wine.**

*You'll be brought a container with a bread wafer and grape juice.*

*If you would like to be brought a gluten-free wafer, please tell the steward.*

*As the bread and wine are distributed, we sing of Jesus' death for us*

## SONG

All glory to the King of ages,  
All glory to the King of kings.  
His name is love, His name is Jesus,  
Enthroned above in majesty.

Into this world You came to save us,  
You bore the cross, You took my sin  
You shone Your light into my darkness  
Unveiled the truth, this mystery.

You are my God, You are my Saviour  
You are the Rock on which I stand.

*Ever faithful God, I cling to You,  
In every way You've shown that You are good.  
There's no other love compares with You,  
Forever strong, forever true,  
Ever faithful God, I cling to You.*

You are the end of all my searching,  
You pour Your grace on all my need.  
Unfailing love, unending mercy  
Are found in You, the Prince of Peace.

You are my God, You are my Saviour  
Eternal One, the Great I Am.