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Call to worship

♪ Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God: come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God,
One day every knee will bow,
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time ...

One day every tongue ...

Come, now is the time ...

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Prayers and Lord's prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

For all the family – Shining a light

♪ Perfect in love,
Lord, you came to earth to rescue me.
You took my place upon that cross;
The stains that held me back
Were washed away; you made me whole.

*Your love has set the broken captives free.
Your love released the chains once
binding me.
I'm found in grace, in love's embrace;
My heart is overwhelmed.*

I stand redeemed,
Your Spirit now alive within my heart;
I walk with you all of my days;
I shall live to glorify you, God.
Hear my soul rejoice!

Your love has set ...

Instrumental interlude

Sings my soul of how your love has set me free.
Sings my heart of how your mercy rescued me.
Hear my cry of endless love to my Saviour and
to my King;
My heart is overwhelmed.

Sings my soul ...

Your love has set ...

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Mark 3:20-35 – Jesus accused

2 Corinthians 4:5-12 - Life is at work in you.

Comment

♪ *The strangest of saints, the simplest of souls,
The saddest of all the earth's rejected,
Are chosen to be the people in whose lives
The goodness of God can be detected.*

Peter, the Rock, whose faith was often talk;
Thomas who sometimes doubted;
Martha who fussed, lest Jesus noticed dust,
And Paul, by whom Christians once were routed.

The strangest of saints ...

Names none can tell: a woman at the well,
Widows and someone's mother;
Men blind from birth, street children full
of mirth,
Ten lepers, each worse than every other.

The strangest of saints ...

Babes at the knee, a taxman in a tree;
Women by men molested;
Some who were bright and some who
feared daylight,
And many the privileged few detested.

The strangest of saints ...

Time can't diffuse the freshness of the news:
Christ's friends are fully human;
Failure and fear allow him to come near
And understand every man and woman.

The strangest of saints ...

Who dare deride those found at Jesus' side,
Welcome despite their weakness?
Christ, who knows all, expresses by his call
The wonder of everyone's uniqueness.

The strangest of saints ...

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Prayers of intercession

Invitation to Communion

♪ 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.

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 word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! ...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light! ...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light! ...

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! ...

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Communion

♪ The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From Heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With His own blood he bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the three in one,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel Stone, music: Samuel S Wesley.
Performance: Christ Church, Birkenhead, BBC Songs of Praise.

Blessing

Closing music: *Butterfly* by Edvard Grieg, played by Emil Gilels, © 1974 Polydor.

The family talk is by Peter Campbell Smith, the Bible readings are by Sophie Easton and Caroline Littlechild and our prayers of intercession are led by Phil Hyde.