** **Hymn MP 651** The kingdom of God is justice and joy ...(cont'd.)

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer His call, and all things cry glory to God all in all!

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BENEDICTION

** Threefold Amen

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Recessional May the Lord, Mighty God ...

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever; give us peace, perfect peace, help in every endeavour.

Lift up your eyes and see his face, filled with grace and mercy.

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(Anon.)

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PRAYER before Worship: Living God, day by day we have to choose, to make decisions about right and wrong, good and evil. Help us to decide wisely, for there is so much we do not understand, so many complicated and confusing areas of life. Grant us faith to wrestle with such matters looking to you to lead us at all times. Amen.

(If you are able, would you please stand for all items marked **)

Lighting of Candle

* Entry of the Bible

Welcome and Intimations

INTROIT

Call to Worship

Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
All: his steadfast love endures for ever!
Minister: Open to us the gates of righteousness

All: that we may enter through them and give thanks to

the Lord.

<u>Minister</u>: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

You have given us light to guide us.

<u>Minister</u>: Let us enter the house of the Lord and worship God.

** Hymn 200

Christ is made the sure foundation...

Opening Prayer 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever.

ADDRESS

** Hymn 245

It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain

. . .

Psalm 118: 15 - 29 (O.T. Pg. 611 approx.) Matthew 21:33 - 46 (N.T. Pg. 31 approx.)

** Hymn MP 473

My hope is built on nothing less ...

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand all other ground is sinking sand.

When weary in this earthly race, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every wild and stormy gale, my anchor holds and will not fail.

His yow, his covenant and blood. are my defence against the flood; when earthly hopes are swept away he will uphold me on that day.

When the last trumpet's voice shall sound, O may I then in him be found! clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne. (Edward Mote, 1797-1874) (© Jubilate Hymns)

SERMON

** Hymn MP 1072

In Christ alone ...

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand. .../cont'd.

** Hymn MP 1072

In Christ alone ...(cont'd.)

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, fulness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save: till on that cross as Jesus died. the wrath of God was satisfied for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: then bursting forth in glorious Day up from the grave He arose again! And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand. (Stuart Townend & Keith Getty)

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Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

** Hymn MP 651

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