



Order of Service



2 July 2023
10 am



Worship led by:
Rev Dr André Groenewald
Organist Martin and choir

Gathering of God's People

Words of welcome and announcements.

Please stand for the Bible to enter the sanctuary.

Call to worship (Psalm 89:1-4)

Minister: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

**All: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in
heaven itself.**

Beloved, I greet you in the Name of God the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit. **Amen**

CH4 502 **Take my life, and let it be**

Opening prayer and the Lord's Prayer

We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

ALL: 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. Amen.

Choir sings "Let heaven your wonders proclaim - a Song from the Philippines".

Reflecting on God's Word

Reading: Matthew 10:40-42

Reader: David Booth

CH4 644 **O Jesus, I have promised.**

Sermon

Responding to God's word

Prayer of thanksgiving: Stephen MacFarlane.

CH4 533 **Will you come and follow me.**

Benediction

Sung Amen, Amen, Amen

Please remain standing as The Bible is removed.

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You are invited to stay for tea and coffee which are served in the hall.

Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

This is a long royal psalm that focuses on the steadfast love of God and human response to that. It was probably written in the middle of a national crisis, a time when the people's faith was being sorely tested. It opens with the poet recalling God's steadfast love to the nation and, in particular to King David, and therefore calls his hearers to continue to trust the God who has made covenant with them.

A prayer of adoration

God, you are the open arms of acceptance,
the warmth of a hearty welcome,
the joy of a sincere smile.
We cannot see you,
and Jesus walked the earth long before our time,
yet we know by faith
that he embodied your welcoming presence
in his dealings with your needy children.
We bow before you in worship and adoration
for all that you are.
Amen.