



Open Door: 7th March

Gathering and Welcome

Song: Never let go of me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RbOXjXh7fo>

Opening Verse and Prayer

'I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.' (Jeremiah 31.3 ESV)

As we come together before you this morning Lord, surrounded by all sorts of troubles and challenges, help us to understand that you want us to come as children before a heavenly Father who greatly loves us. So we bring to you our cares and ask you to free us from them so that we can praise you this morning, in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Song: O Love that will not let me go

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVOG15Zj5KM>

O love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that lifteth up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,

And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

Confession

For the times we fail to trust you

Lord forgive us

For the times we forget to include you in our decisions

Lord forgive us

For the times we try to 'go it alone'

Lord forgive us

Thank you for always being ready to welcome us back. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours.

Now and for ever.

Amen.

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking the way in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Bible Reading: James 5:1-12

¹ Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you. ⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. ¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

Talk

Breakout Rooms for Discussion

Song: Glorious Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXp6xcY5lqU>

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing
My Saviour Jesus is mine

Prayers

Song: A new commandment I give unto you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqM2Ujl7Aas>

A new commandment
I give unto you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you,
That you love one another
As I have loved you.
By this may all know

That you are My disciples,
If you have love one for another.
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That you are My disciples,
If you have love one for another.

The Blessing

May God give us grace to do his will. May Christ lead us into the ways of truth. May the Spirit guide us in our dealings with one another. And may the blessing of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all and those whom we are to love, day by day. **Amen.**

Breakout Room to Catch-up

If you have any prayer or pastoral needs, please don't hesitate to contact
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