Good morning. Welcome. Great to be gathered.

Encourage. Here Word. Worship risen, living Jesus.

Nathanael, member. Guiding through the service.

Later Josh preach. Passage Matthew. Bibles nearby.

Before… moment of quiet. Calm hearts & minds.

Focus on judge, justifier.

God become man, died, rose. So unified.

Moment of quiet, after which stand to sing.

***Song*** *who has held the oceans in his hands?*

***Prayer:*** *Almighty Lord, as we gather before you this morning we each come from different weeks, different mornings, different pressures, different stresses, different joys and different pains. And yet we are here united as one church gathered to offer you the praise due to the eternal king who, seated on the throne, who will reign forever, and who one day will fill the earth with you glory. We give you the glory Lord. Amen.*

Sit.

Opening line of song just sung: “who has held…”

Continues “who has numbered…”. Chorus answers.

Second verse picks up on God’s bigness – than us.

“who has given counsel…” “who can teach…”.

What kind of person could…? God is unlike us.

Things take a turn in 3rd verse: “who has felt the…?”

Same hands which held the oceans also pierced.

Same God of the universe became a human.

From beginning time, God planned to reconcile us

Involved becoming man: the “incarnation”.

Tempted in every way. Same pressures we do.

Passage from hours leading arrest, trial, crucifixion.

J. deeply troubled as he knows. Knows mission.

Understand must appreciate God become human.

Rosie going to read short poem.

Sets into context God’s plan for salvation.

Becoming man. Listen and consider.

***Poem.***

Thanks Rosie.

*For grace and truth in fullness came*

*And showed the Father’s glory*

*When Jesus donned our flesh and died:*

*This is the gospel story.*

God become man hard to understand. But joy.

Means God experienced pressures just as we do.

Means he was able to provide a suitable sacrifice.

Good news. Gospel story.

Stand and sing to songs now.

***Songs*** *See the man; Jesus, you were tempted*

Sit. Already mentioned looking at Matthew’s.

Mark read, after which Alex start thinking.

***Children’s talk.***

Thanks. Stands and sing 2 songs. Servant. Hope.

***Songs*** *Servant king; My hope is built on nothing less*

Sit. Notices.

Break – children, hello, sit quietly.

Soon Josh preach, but first prayer.

Focus on hard choices; persecuted church.

Unite hearts.

***Intercessions***

***Sermon***

*“My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done”*

Words of J as submit to Father’s will to set free.

Sing in response.

***Song*** *I stand amazed in the presence*

And so: *Hebrews 12:1-3.* Amen.