

Sunday 11th February 2024, 10:30am

Facing a task unfinished,
that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease,
we, who rejoice to know You
renew before Your throne
The solemn pledge we owe You
To go and make You known.

2. Where other lords beside You
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied You
defy You still today,
with none to heed their crying
for life, and love, and light,
unnumbered souls are dying,
and pass into the night.

*We go to all the world
with kingdom hope unfurled;
no other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ the Lord*

3. We bear the torch that flaming
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours,
fired by the same ambition,
to You we yield our powers.

We go to all the world...

4. O, Father, who sustained them,
O, Spirit, who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
to toil with zeal untired,
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on Your errands send us
to labour for Your sake.

We go to all the world...

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Benediction

Notices

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Whether this is your first service with us, or you attend regularly, you are very welcome! Please feel free to stay for refreshments after the service.

Babies and children: Nursing mothers and those with small children are welcome to use the crèche area downstairs – access is via the lobby to the right of the gallery. Children’s activity sheets, and books are available on the welcome table for use during the service – please help yourselves!

Toilets A ladies’ toilet and baby changing facilities are available downstairs for use during the service in addition to those on the chapel floor. Access is via the lobby to the right of the gallery.

Evening Worship, 5pm at the North Gate Hall. Andy will be preaching from Exodus.

Re:Con meet this Thursday, 7-9pm here at the North Gate Hall

Bring & Share Lunch next Sunday 18th February after the morning service – all are welcome!

ReRooted Student Getaway, 9th Week, Monday 11th-Wednesday 13th March. Please see Alberto or Neil to find out more and to book your place!

Please be responsible for your property and (parents) your children whilst you are with us.
If you wish to give to the work of Oxford Pres, please see the ‘support’ page on our website.
If you wish to be added to the church email list, please speak to Alberto or Andy.
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Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Psalm 150:1-2

Introductory Prayer

You made the starry hosts,

You traced the mountain peaks,
You paint the evening sky with wonders.
The earth, it is Your throne
from desert to the sea;
all nature testifies Your splendour.

*Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord!
Sing His greatness
all creation!
Praise the Lord,
raise your voice!
You heights and all you depths,
from furthest east to west,
let everything that has breath
praise the Lord!*

2. You reached into the dust,
in love, Your Spirit breathed,
You formed us in Your very likeness
to know Your wondrous works,
to tell Your mighty deeds,
to join the everlasting chorus.

Praise the Lord...

3. Let symphonies resound,
let drums and choirs ring out,
all heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let every nation bring
its honours to the King,
a roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord!
Sing His greatness
all creation!
Praise the Lord,
raise your voice!
You heights and all you depths,
from furthest east to west,
you distant burning stars,
all creatures near and far,
from sky to sea to shore,
sing out forevermore,
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord!*

Psalm 150
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Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are under sin. Your holy word tells us that "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God." We freely admit that we have turned aside and become worthless; we refrain from doing good; our throats are an open grave and our tongues deceive; the venom of asps is on our lips and our mouths are full of curses and bitterness. Our feet are swift to shed blood, our paths lead to ruin and misery, and we do not know the way of peace. We acknowledge that the fear of God is not in us or before us. Your law stops our mouths and with the whole world we stand accountable to you, our Creator and God. Have mercy on us we pray. Do not treat us as our sins deserve. Help us believe in Jesus Christ and receive by faith the promise of his redemption. May we gain Christ and be found in him and know the power of his resurrection in our lives. Amen.

Adapted from Romans 3:9-20

Assurance of Pardon

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgement he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Isaiah 53:4-9

O, to see the dawn

of the darkest day:

Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men,

torn and beaten, then

nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross:

Christ became sin for us,

took the blame, bore the wrath:

we stand forgiven at the cross.

2. O, to see the pain

written on your face,

bearing the awesome weight of sin;

every bitter thought,

every evil deed

crowning your bloodstained brow.

This, the power of the cross...

3. Now the daylight flees,

now the ground beneath

quakes as its Maker bows his head.

Curtain torn in two,

dead are raised to life;

'Finished!' the victory cry.

This, the power of the cross...

4. O, to see my name

written in the wounds,

for through your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death,

life is mine to live,

won through your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross:

Son of God, slain for us.

What a love! What a cost!

We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Intercession

Confession of Faith

We believe that Jesus Christ being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Adapted from Philippians 2:6-11

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,

tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

streams of mercy never ceasing

call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet

sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it

Name of Thy redeeming love.

2. Hitherto Thy love has blessed me,

Thou hast brought me to this place;

and I know Thy hand will bring me

safely home by Thy good grace.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wandering from the fold of God

He, to rescue me from danger,

Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

prone to leave the God I love –

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,

seal it for Thy courts above.

4. O that day when freed from sinning

I shall see Thy lovely face;

full arrayed in blood-washed linen

how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.

Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,

bring Thy promises to pass,

for I know Thy pow'r will keep me

till I'm home with Thee at last.

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Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Sermon: The Missionary Heart of God