

Lord, in your hand is every life,
our heartbeat, senses, blood and breath;
our bodies and our minds you know,
our day of birth, our day of death.

2. Lord, in your hand is every life,
our heartbeat, senses, blood and breath;
our bodies and our minds you know,
our day of birth, our day of death.

3. For all who dread the end of life,
your word is, 'Do not be afraid';
we pray for them to turn and trust,
have sins forgiven, fears allayed.

4. For all who crave the end of life,
when pain or grief are all they find,
we pray for them the gift of hope,
release in calm and peace of mind.

5. For all who face the end of life
with steadfast confidence in you,
we give you thanks, our risen Lord;
grant us such faith and comfort too.

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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.

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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Sunday 11th February 2024, 5:00pm

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Psalm 115:1-3

Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,

to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like you His praise should sing?
Praise Him! praise Him!
praise Him! praise Him!
praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise Him! praise Him!
praise Him! praise Him!
glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Father-like He tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise Him! praise Him!
praise Him! praise Him!
widely as His mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! praise Him!
praise Him! praise Him!
praise with us the God of grace.

Psalm 104 | Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:28-31

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.

2. 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.

3. 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 rose 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.

4. 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!

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Children's Talk

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death*

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

3. Unto the grave, what will we sing?
'Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!'
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy,
when Christ is ours for evermore.

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Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Exodus 20:13

Sermon: The Sixth Commandment - Preserving Life