

Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Acts 11:19-30

Sermon: The Anatomy of the Church in Antioch

Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God!

He whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?

Grace, which like the Lord the giver
never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near:
blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood –
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading are the worldling's pleasures,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton 1725-1807 | Tune: Austria

Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Whether this is your first service with us, or you attend regularly, you are very welcome! Please stay for refreshments after the service and to spend time getting to know each other.

Babies and children: Please help yourselves to children's activity sheets and books from the welcome table. Nursing mothers and those with small children are welcome to use the small crèche area downstairs where the service is livestreamed – access is via the lobby to the right of the gallery.

Toilets: Baby changing facilities and a ladies' toilet are available downstairs via the crèche area.

Evening Worship, 5pm here at the North Gate Hall. Andy will be preaching from Matthew 26

Midweek Meeting. There is not midweek meeting this week.

Good Friday Service 5pm, Friday, 29th March, here at the North Gate Hall.

Good Friday Dinner Everyone is invited to our Good Friday Dinner from 6pm. *Last chance to sign up with Robin is today!*

Save the Date! Our Holiday Bible Club will run from 28th - 29th August.

Save the Date! Our Women's Retreat will run from 25th - 26th October

Please be responsible for your property and (parents) your children whilst you are with us.

If you wish to be added to the church email list, please speak with Alberto or Andy

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Sunday 24th March 2024, 10:30am

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Isaiah 6:1-3

Opening Prayer

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
who were and are, and evermore shall be!

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Call to Confession

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Isaiah 6:4-5

Prayer of Confession

The 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.

Assurance of Pardon

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." Isaiah 6:6-7

Prayer of Thanksgiving

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

3. What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
his blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

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Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Intercession

Confession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. Nicene Creed (381AD)

You have called us out of darkest night

into Your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of
the risen Christ.

2. May our every breath retell the grace
that broke into our strife,
with boundless love and deepest joy,
with endless life.

*May the peoples praise You,
let the nations be glad!*

*All Your blessing comes that we may praise;
may praise the Name of Jesus!*

3. All the earth is Yours and all within
each harvest is Your own;
and from Your hand we give to You
to make Christ known.

4. May the seeds of mercy grow in us
for those who have not heard;
may songs of praise build lives of grace
to spread Your Word.

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let the nations be glad!*

*All Your blessing comes that we may praise;
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5. This, our holy privilege, to declare
Your praises and Your name;
to every nation, tribe and tongue,
your church proclaim.

May the peoples praise You...

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