

Sunday 24th March 2024, 5:00pm

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalms 100:1-3

Opening Prayer

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,
come now before Him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His flock, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.

3. O enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise Him and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

William Kethe, d. 1594 | Psalm 100 | Tune: Old Hundredth

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

I could not do without You,

O Saviour of the lost,
whose precious blood redeemed me
at such tremendous cost;
Your righteousness, Your pardon,
Your precious blood must be
my only hope and comfort,
my glory and my plea.

2. I could not do without You,
I cannot stand alone,
I have no strength or goodness,
no wisdom of my own;
but You, beloved Saviour,
are all in all to me,
my power in every weakness,
my all-sufficiency.

3. I could not do without You:
no other friend can read
my spirit's strange, deep longings,
interpreting its need;
no other heart could enter
each dim recess of mine,
and soothe and hush and calm it
but, Lord, Your heart divine.

4. I could not do without You:
the years are fleeting fast,
and soon in solemn loneliness
death's river must be passed;
but You will never leave me,
and though the waves roll high,
I know You will be near me
and whisper, 'It is I.'

Frances R Havergal 1836-79 | Tune: Nettleton

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.

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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Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:18-21

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upwards I look, and see Him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God..

Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1841-1924 | Tune: Before the Throne

Children's Talk

Prayer of Intercession and for Illumination

Bible Reading: Matthew 26:1-16

Sermon: The Anointing of Jesus

Jesus, Jesus, all-sufficient,

beyond telling is Your worth;
in Your Name lie greater treasures
than the richest found on earth.
Such abundance
is my portion with my God.

2. In Your gracious face there's beauty
far surpassing every thing
found in all the earth's great wonders
mortal eye has ever seen.
Rose of Sharon,
You Yourself are heaven's delight.

William Williams, 1717091

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

All those who trust Christ alone for their salvation, are baptised and are humbly seeking to live in obedience to the gospel are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on Christ by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the bread and wine to pass you by and take this opportunity to consider the offer of forgiveness of sins in Jesus alone.

A word to parents: baptised children are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper after they have made a credible profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Elders of the Church.

Confession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving