

Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Psalm 1

Sermon: The Blessing of Christ & the Law

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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Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Whether this is your first service with us, or you attend regularly, we offer you a warm welcome. Children's activity sheets and crayons are available on the welcome table. A crèche/feeding room with toilet & baby changing facilities is available downstairs via the lobby to the right of the gallery. Refreshments will be served immediately after the service

Thursday Midweek Meeting, 7-9pm: Please join us here at the North Gate Hall for ReCon, our regular study of Reformed Creeds and Confessions. Everyone is invited!

Women's Events: Book studies this Wednesday 7-9pm and Friday 10-12am, at Robin's house, and Craft Evening, this Friday, 7-9pm at Helena's house.

Next Bring and Share Lunch: Sunday, 28th April, followed by our kids' club from 1-1:45pm.

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, 14th April 2024, 5:00pm

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Psalm 34:8-10

Opening Prayer

The LORD's my Shepherd, leading me;

I will not be in need.
He'll make me lie in pastures green;
By quiet waters lead.

2. And He restores my soul again;
He guides the steps I take
To walk along a righteous path,
All for his own name's sake.

3. Though in a valley dark as death,
No evil will I fear;
Your rod and staff, they comfort me,
For you are always near.

4. A feast you have prepared for me
In sight of all my foes;
And you anoint my head with oil,
My full cup overflows.

5. What love and goodness all my life
Will follow after me;
And in the LORD's house evermore
My dwelling place will be.

Scottish Psalter | Tune: St Columba

Confession of Sin

O God and Father, most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of Mighty God, we humble ourselves for faculties misused, opportunities neglected, words ill-advised. We repent of our folly and inconsiderate ways, our broken resolutions, untrue service, our backsliding steps, our vain thoughts. O bury our sins in the ocean of Jesus' blood and let no evil result from our fretful temper, unseemly behaviour, provoking pettiness. O thou God of all grace, make us more thankful, more humble; Inspire us with a deep sense of our unworthiness arising from the depravity of our nature, our omitted duties, our unimproved advantages, your commandments violated by us. O give us repentance unto life and cement our oneness with our blessed Lord.

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

Assurance of Pardon

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:37-40

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer;

there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
O, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side the Saviour he will stay;
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
O, the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread: I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated!
Jesus now and ever is my plea;
O, the chains are released; I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home;
and day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
all the glory evermore to him;
when the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
'Yet not I, but through Christ in me!'

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Children's Talk

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you

to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes for your glory.

2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail –
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us –
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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