

All praise to him, the God of light,
who formed the mountains by his might;
all praise to him who names the stars
that sing his fame in skies afar.
All praise to him who reigns in love,
who guides the galaxies above
yet bends to hear our every prayer
with sovereign power and tender care.

2. All praise to him whose love is seen
in Christ the Son, the Servant King,
who left behind his glorious throne
to pay the ransom for his own.
All praise to him who humbly came
to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame;
who lived to die, who died to rise:
the all-sufficient sacrifice.

3. All praise to him whose power imparts
the love of God within our hearts,
the Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow;
to you, the triune God, we raise
with loving hearts our song of praise.

Horatius Bonar 1808-1889.

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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

Sunday Evening Worship Please join us at 5pm. Gareth will be preaching on 'How Bad is Too Bad?'

Thursday Home Groups meet this week from 5:30-7:30pm at the Atipaldis' (South) or 7-9pm at the Solanos' (City) to discuss this week's sermon and pray together. Everyone is invited!

Youth Group meets this Friday from 7:30-9:30pm at the Solanos' house for an evening of games.

Bring and Share Lunch next Sunday, 28th April, followed by children's activities 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, 21st April 2024, 10:30am

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Psalms 113:1-3

Opening Prayer

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in you alone.

(Descant: I will trust, I will trust in you)

And I will trust in you alone,

(I will trust, I will trust in you)

for your endless mercy follows me,

(Endless mercy follows me)

your goodness will lead me home.

(goodness will lead me home)

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

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Confession of Sin

Gracious God and Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfil us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, and of Saviour, Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

Romans 8:1-3a

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Arise, my soul, arise,

shake off your guilty fears;
the perfect Sacrifice
on my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on His hands.

2. He ever lives above
for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3. The Father hears Him pray,
His dear Anointed One;
He cannot turn away
the presence of his Son:
His Spirit answers to the blood
and tells me I am born of God.

4. My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh
and 'Father, Abba, Father!' cry.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 | Tune: Adoration

Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes and Offerings*

Prayer of Intercession

Confession of Faith

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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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Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Acts 14

Sermon: How the World Really Works