

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 5:00pm

## Welcome & Notices

### Call to Worship

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

Psalm 145:1-3

### Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

#### I will exalt you, O my God and King;

For ever I will praise your holy name.

I will extol your name for evermore;

Day after day your praise I will proclaim.

2. Great is the LORD, most worthy of all praise;  
His greatness none can search or comprehend.  
Each generation will recount your deeds  
And to the next your mighty acts commend.

3. They will rejoice in your benevolence,  
And your abundant grace they'll celebrate;  
The righteousness that you have shown to them  
In praise and joyful song they will relate.

4. The LORD is gracious and compassionate;  
He's slow to anger, rich in steadfast love.  
The LORD is good to all that he has made,  
And merciful to all on earth that move.

5. All you have made will give you praise, O LORD;  
Your saints will all unite to bless your name.  
The glory of your reign they will declare,  
And your surpassing might they will proclaim.

Psalm 145 | Sing Psalms | Tune: Ellers

### Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my armour and be Thou my might;  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower;  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

5. High King of heaven, after victory won;  
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Irish, c. 8<sup>th</sup> cent., tr. by Mary E Burne, 1880-1931 | Tune: Slane

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

**Youth Group** meets this Friday from 7:30-9:30pm at Robin's house.

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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## Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sin

### 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.

**Here is love, vast as the ocean,**  
lovingkindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of life, our ransom  
shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God's mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
poured incessant from above,  
and heaven's peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.

William Rees 1802-1883 | tr. William Edwards 1848-1929  
Tune: Dim Ond Jesu

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Confession of Faith

*Minister:* How are you righteous before God?

*Congregation:* Only by faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me

Heidelberg Catechism 60

### Whate'er my God ordains is right,

His holy will abideth;  
I will be still, whate'er He doth  
and follow where He guideth.  
He is my God, though dark my road  
He holds me that I shall not fall;  
and so to Him I leave it all,  
and so to Him I leave it all.

2. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
He never will deceive me;  
He leads me by the proper path,  
I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He has sent;  
His hand can turn my griefs away;  
and patiently I wait His day,  
and patiently I wait His day.

3. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
though now this cup, in drinking  
may bitter seem to my faint heart,  
I take it all, unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew  
sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;  
and pain and sorrow shall depart  
and pain and sorrow shall depart.

4. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
here shall my stand be taken;  
though sorrow, need or death be mine,  
yet I am not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there;  
He holds me that I shall not fall;  
and so to Him I leave it all,  
and so to Him I leave it all.

Words: Samuel Rodigast, 1675 | tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878  
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## Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

### Bible Reading: Exodus 22:16-23:9

### Sermon: The Book of the Covenant – Good Laws from a Great God