

Though the nations rage,
kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King
reigning over all;
so I will not fear,
for this truth remains,
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above him, none before him,
all of time in his hands,
for his throne it shall remain and ever stand –
all the power, all the glory;
I will trust in his name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.*

2. Though the dread of night
overwhelms my soul,
he is here with me:
I am not alone.
O, his love is sure
and he knows my name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

3. Though I may not see
what the future brings,
I will watch and wait
for the Saviour-King;
then my joy complete,
standing face to face
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

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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. Bibles and children's activity sheets are available on the welcome table. A crèche/feeding room & toilet is available downstairs to the right of the gallery. Refreshments will be served immediately after the service.

Evening Worship, 5pm Tom will be preaching from Exodus 24, 'An Invitation into God's Presence'

Central Prayer Meeting Please join us on Thursday from 7-9pm for our monthly prayer meeting here at the North Gate Hall to pray for the needs of our world, our church and ourselves.

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

Next Bring and Share Lunch will be on Sunday 23rd June – please mark your calendars!

Save the Date! Children's Holiday Bible Club 28th- 29th August, 9:30am-12:30pm – details to follow!

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, 2nd June 2024, 10:30am

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Psalm 115:1

Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

Not to us be glory given

but to him who reigns above:
Glory to the God of heaven
for his faithfulness and love!
What though unbelieving voices
hear no word and see no sign,
still in God my heart rejoices,
working out his will divine.

2. Not what human fingers fashion,
gold and silver, deaf and blind,
dead to knowledge and compassion,
having neither heart nor mind,
lifeless gods, yet some adore them,
nerveless hands and feet of clay;
all become, who bow before them,
lost indeed, and dead as they.

3. Not in them is hope of blessing,
hope is in the living Lord:
high and low, his name confessing,
find in him their shield and sword.
Hope of all whose hearts revere him,
God of Israel, still the same!
God of Aaron! Those who fear him,
he remembers them by name.

4. Not the dead, but we the living
praise the Lord with all our powers;
of his goodness freely giving,
his is heaven; earth is ours.
Not to us be glory given
but to him who reigns above:
Glory to the God of heaven,
for his faithfulness and love!

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Psalm 115 | Tune: Bethany

Call to Confession

Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

Psalm 115:2-4, 8

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We ask in Jesus's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

Psalm 115:12-13

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Who has held the oceans in his hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice;
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on his throne,
come, let us adore him.*

*Behold our King: nothing can compare,
come, let us adore him!*

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

3. Who has felt the nails upon his hands
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave:
Jesus, Saviour risen now to reign!

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Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayer of Intercession

Confession of Faith

Minster: What is God?

Congregation: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

O great God of highest heaven,

occupy my lowly heart.

Own it all and reign supreme,

conquer every rebel power.

Let no vice or sin remain

that resists your holy war.

You have loved and purchased me,

make me yours forever more.

2. I was blinded by my sin,
had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within,
had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life,
opened up your word to me
through the gospel of your Son,
gave me endless hope and peace.

3. Help me now to live a life
that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
glorify your name through me.

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Prayer for Understanding God's Word

Bible Reading: Acts 17:16-34

Sermon: Idolatry and Its Answer