

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024, 5:00pm

## Welcome & Notices

### Call to Worship

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Psalm 48:1-2

### Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

#### Great is the LORD – his praise all else excels –

In our God's city, on his holy hill.  
Mount Zion is the joy of all the earth,  
So high and fair like mountains of the north;  
Here is the city where the Great King dwells.

2. God is the fortress of Jerusalem.  
When kings joined forces, ready to advance,  
They looked, and fled in terror and surprise,  
Gripped like a woman who in childbirth cries.  
Like ships destroyed by storm, you shattered them.

3. As we have heard, now we have seen it so  
Within the city of Almighty God –  
The city of the LORD, which by his grace  
He makes secure. Within your holy place  
Your never-failing love we seek to know.

4. O God, your name is known throughout the earth,  
And to its farthest shores your praise goes forth;  
Your strong right hand is filled with righteousness.  
To Zion your great deeds bring joyfulness,  
And Judah's villages are filled with mirth.

5. Walk round and count the towers of Zion's hill.  
Note well her ramparts and her citadels,  
And speak of them to your posterity.  
For this God is our God eternally,  
And to the end our God will guide us still.

Psalm 48, Sing Psalms | Tune: Old 124<sup>th</sup>

### There is a Higher Throne

than all this world has known,  
where faithful ones from every tongue  
will one day come.

Before the Son we'll stand,  
made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace:  
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,  
their thunderous anthem rings  
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,  
their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, power,  
strength, thanks and honour are  
to God, our King who reigns on high,  
for evermore.*

2. And there we'll find our home,  
our life before the throne;  
we'll honour him in perfect song  
where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,  
as thirst and hunger die;  
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King:  
we'll reign with him.

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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.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> June – please mark your calendars!

**Save the Date! Children's Holiday Bible Club** 28<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> 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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## Confession of Sin

O God and Father, most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as you blotted out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of your Holy Spirit, that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing to you, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From John Calvin, *Forms of Prayers*.

## Assurance of Pardon

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:9-10

### What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;  
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.*

*Stronger than darkness, new every morn;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

3. What riches of kindness he lavished on us;  
his blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

## Confession of Faith

The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam; and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.

Man, by his fall, having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein He freely offers unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life His Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe.

Westminster Confession of Faith 7:2-3

### O Lord, my rock and my redeemer,

greatest treasure of my longing soul;  
my God, like you there is no other,  
true delight is found in you alone.  
Your grace a well too deep to fathom,  
your love exceeds the heavens' reach;  
your truth a fount of perfect wisdom,  
my highest good and my unending need.

2. O Lord, my rock and my redeemer,  
strong defender of my weary heart,  
my sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
and my shield against his hateful darts;  
my song when enemies surround me,  
my hope when tides of sorrow rise;  
my joy when trials are abounding,  
your faithfulness my refuge in the night.

3. O Lord, my rock and my redeemer,  
gracious Saviour of my ruined life;  
my guilt and cross laid on your shoulders:  
in my place you suffered, bled and died.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered;  
you broke my bonds of sin and shame.  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer,  
may all my days bring glory to your name.

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## Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

### Bible Reading: Exodus 24

### Sermon: The Book of Covenant - An Invitation into God's Presence