

Sunday 23rd June 2024, 5:00pm

I could not do without You,

O Saviour of the lost,
whose precious blood redeemed me
at such tremendous cost;
Your righteousness, Your pardon,
Your precious blood must be
my only hope and comfort,
my glory and my plea.

2. I could not do without You,
I cannot stand alone,
I have no strength or goodness,
no wisdom of my own;
but You, beloved Saviour,
are all in all to me,
my power in every weakness,
my all-sufficiency.

3. I could not do without You:
no other friend can read
my spirit's strange, deep longings,
interpreting its need;
no other heart could enter
each dim recess of mine,
and soothe and hush and calm it
but, Lord, Your heart divine.

4. I could not do without You:
the years are fleeting fast,
and soon in solemn loneliness
death's river must be passed;
but You will never leave me,
and though the waves roll high,
I know You will be near me
and whisper, 'It is I.'

Frances R Havergal 1836-79 | Tune: Nettleton

Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Children's activity sheets are available on the welcome table. A crèche/feeding room & toilet is available downstairs to the right of the gallery.

Home Groups meet this Thursday from 5:30-7:30pm at the Atipaldis' 7-9pm at Robin's.

Ocean Explorers Holiday Bible Club 28th- 29th August, 9:30am-12:30pm. Flyers and booking forms are available on the welcome table and on our website.

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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Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Psalm 34:8-10

Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

Tell His praise in song and story,

bless the Lord with heart and voice;
in my God is all my glory,
come before Him and rejoice.
Join to praise His name together,
He who hears His people's cry;
tell His praise, come wind or weather,
shining faces lifted high.

2. To the Lord whose love has found them
cry the poor in their distress;
swift His angels camped around them
prove Him sure to save and bless.
God it is who hears our crying
though the spark of faith be dim;
taste and see! Beyond denying
blessed are those who trust in Him.

3. Taste and see! In faith draw near Him,
trust the Lord with all your powers;
seek and serve Him, love and fear Him,
life and all its joys are ours:
true delight in holy living,
peace and plenty, length of days;
come, my children, with thanksgiving
bless the Lord in songs of praise.

4. In our need he walks beside us,
ears alert to every cry;
watchful eyes to guard and guide us,
love that whispers, 'It is I'.
Good shall triumph, wrong be righted,
God has pledged His promised word;
so with ransomed saints united
join to praise our living Lord!

Psalm 34 | Timothy Dudley-Smith | © 1976 OUP

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are under sin. Your holy word tells us that "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God." We freely admit that we have turned aside and become worthless; we refrain from doing good; our throats are an open grave and our tongues deceive; the venom of asps is on our lips and our mouths are full of curses and bitterness. Our feet are swift to shed blood, our paths lead to ruin and misery, and we do not know the way of peace. We acknowledge that the fear of God is not in us or before us. Your law stops our mouths and with the whole world we stand

accountable to you, our Creator and God. Have mercy on us we pray. Do not treat us as our sins deserve. Help us believe in Jesus Christ and receive by faith the promise of his redemption. May we gain Christ and be found in him and know the power of his resurrection in our lives. Amen.

from Romans 3:9-20

Assurance of Pardon

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:8-11

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows heals our wounds
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest,
and to the weary rest.

2. Dear name, the Rock on which I build,
my shield my hiding place;
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace!
Jesus, my Shepherd, Saviour, Friend
my Prophet, Priest and King
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring,
accept the praise I bring.

3. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see You as You are,
I'll praise You as I ought.
Till then I would Your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
so shall the music of Your name
refresh my soul in death,
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton John Newton (1725-1807)
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Children's Talk

Prayer of Intercession and for Illumination

Bible Reading: Exodus 25:23-40

Sermon: God Dwelling with Us – the Table & Lampstand

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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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

All those who trust Christ alone for their salvation, are baptised and are humbly seeking to live in obedience to the gospel are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on Christ by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the bread and wine to pass you by and take this opportunity to consider the offer of forgiveness of sins in Jesus alone.

A word to parents: baptised children are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper after they have made a credible profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Elders of the Church.

Confession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving