

Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Psalm 136

Sermon: The Forever Love of God

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe, Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave;
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder love and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

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. Please stay for refreshments and a chance to get to know each other after the service!

Women's Meet-Up Friday, 2nd Aug, 10-12am, Cutteslowe Park Playground. Children are welcome!

Ocean Explorers Holiday Bible Club 28th- 29th August, 9:30am-12:30pm. Flyers and booking forms are available on the welcome table and our website – registration closes on 14th August!

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 28th July 2024, 5.00pm

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD, you who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God. Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant. Psalm 135:1-3

Opening Prayer

All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voice and with us sing:
O praise Him! Hallelujah!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along:
O praise Him! Hallelujah!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening find a voice:

3. And everyone, with tender heart,
forgiving others take your part:
O praise Him! Hallelujah!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on Him cast your care:

4. Let all things their Creator bless
and worship Him in humbleness:
O praise Him! Hallelujah!
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

Francis of Assisi 1225, tr. William Henry Draper 1919
Psalm 148 | Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Confession of Sin

Lord God Almighty, our Maker, Sustainer and Righteous Judge, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, and before your holy law we are rightly condemned. Yet we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace, and everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Cleanse us from our sin, wash us clean in Jesus Christ, and help us to trust in his finished and accomplished work, and all for his glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, 'The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.'

Exodus 34:6-7

How deep the father's love for us,

how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
my sins upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Confession of Faith

We believe that Jesus Christ being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

from Philippians 2:6-11

Give to our God immortal praise;

mercy and truth are all his ways:
wonders of grace to God belong,
repeat his mercies in your song.

2. Give to the Lord of lords renown,
the King of kings with glory crown:
his mercies ever shall endure,
when lords and kings are known no more.

3. He built the earth, he spread the sky,
and fixed the starry lights on high:
wonders of grace to God belong,
repeat his mercies in your song.

4. He fills the sun with morning light,
he bids the moon direct the night:
his mercies ever shall endure,
when suns and moons shall shine no more.

5. He sent his Son with power to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave:
wonders of grace to God belong,
repeat his mercies in your song.

6. Through this vain world he guides our feet,
and leads us to his heavenly seat:
his mercies ever shall endure,
when this vain world shall be no more.

Psalm 136 | Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 | Tune: Rimington