

Sunday 25th August 2024, 10:30am

To God be the glory! great things He has done;

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

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Let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory; great things he has done*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see!

Frances J Van Alstyne 1820-1915

Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Children are welcome in all our services – help yourselves to activity sheets from the welcome table or feel free to use our crèche area (downstairs below the gallery) where the service is livestreamed. Refreshments will be served from the hatch after the service.

Evening Worship @ 5pm Andy will be preaching from Exodus 27, 'God Dwelling with Us.'

Women's Retreat 25-26 October. Please sign up with a £25 deposit to Celia by 1 September!

Women's Bible Studies will run monthly from September on Wednesday evenings & Saturday mornings. Please see Robin for more information or to sign up!

Safety During Building Works We are working closely with our builders to keep everyone safe during the restoration of the North Gate Hall. If you have any concerns, please speak to Neil or Andy. Parents, please be especially vigilant of children near the exits and on the gallery.

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

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done. Psalm 92:1-4

Opening Prayer

God, my King, I will extol you,

Bless your name forevermore;
Every day, I'll sing your goodness,
Hymn the greatness of the Lord.
You are praised through generations
Of your works we'll always tell;
We will praise your matchless goodness,
Praise the God of Israel!

2. God is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, rich in love;
He is good to all his creatures,
Showers blessings from above.
All your works shall bless and thank you,
Tell of all your mighty deeds,
Celebrate your wondrous kingdom;
You shall reign in majesty!

3. Lord your throne will last forever,
You will reign from age to age;
You are faithful to your promise,
You are kind in all your ways;
You uphold the weak and falling,
Give your strength to weary feet;
From you hand you pour forth blessing,
Satisfy our every need.

4. God is righteous to his promise,
He is kind in all his ways;
He is near to those who seek him,
Yet the wicked casts away;
He fulfils the good desire,
Of his saints who fear his name;
Let all peoples praise his goodness
And forever sing his praise!

Psalm 145, Matt Searles | Tune: Dim Ond Iesu

Call to Confession

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. from Ephesians 2:1-3

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slow to do good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins. Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:4-8

Prayer of Thanksgiving

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer;

there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
O, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side the Saviour he will stay;
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
O, the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread: I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated!
Jesus now and ever is my plea;
O, the chains are released; I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home;
and day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
all the glory evermore to him;
when the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
'Yet not I, but through Christ in me!'

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Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayer of Intercession

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

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

2. Turn your eyes to the hillside
where justice and mercy embraced;
there the Son of God gave his life for us
and our measureless debt was erased.

*Jesus, to you we lift our eyes;
Jesus, our glory and our prize:
we adore you, behold you,
our Saviour ever true –
O Jesus, we turn our eyes to you.*

3. Turn your eyes to the morning
and see Christ, the lion, awake;
what a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone,
for we carry his life in our veins.

Jesus, to you we lift our eyes...

4. Turn your eyes to the heavens:
our King will return for his own;
every knee will bow, every tongue will shout:
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

Jesus, to you we lift our eyes...

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Prayer for Illumination