

May the peace of God our heavenly father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!*

2. May this peace which passes understanding,
and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of his communion
make us one in spirit and in heart.

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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.

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!

Ocean Explorers Holiday Bible Club 28-29 August. Please be praying for our final preparations!

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

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:1-3 & 6

Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living waters flow,
my ransomed soul, He leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love He sought me;
and on His shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house for ever!

Henry W Baker (1821-77)

Confession of Sin

Righteous and Sovereign God, you are good, patient, kind and longsuffering. Save us from ourselves - from the deceits of sin; from the treachery of our fallen natures; from our denying your charge against our offences; from lives lived in rebellion against you. We confess that our thoughts, affections, desires, and pursuits, are alienated from you. O King of our lives, do not cast us into destruction, or drive us from your presence. Rather, wound our hearts that we may be healed. Break us so that in your own hands we may be made whole. Help us to receive the gift of Jesus Christ and to walk in him, depend upon him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Perceiving nothing in ourselves, may we find in Christ wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Amen.

Adapted from The Valley of Vision – A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions

Assurance of Pardon

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43

How I love the voice of Jesus

on the cross of Calvary.

He declares his work is finished,

He has spoken this hope to me.

Though the sun had ceased its shining,

though the war appeared as lost,

Christ had triumphed over evil –

it was finished upon that cross.

2. Now, the curse, it has been broken:

Jesus paid the price for me.

Full, the pardon he has offered;

great, the welcome that I receive.

Boldly I approach my Father,

clothed in Jesus' righteousness;

there is no more guilt to carry –

it was finished upon that cross.

3. Death was once my great opponent,

fear once had a hold on me,

but the Son who died to save us

rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness,

free to live and free to love;

death is dead and Christ is risen –

it was finished upon that cross.

Ending

Onward to eternal glory,

to my Saviour and my God;

I rejoice in Jesus' victory –

it was finished upon that cross.

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Prayer of Intercession & for Illumination

Bible Reading: Exodus 27

Sermon: God Dwelling With Us - Altars, Courts & Oil

'Tis finished! The Messiah dies,

Cut off for sins, but not His own:

Accomplished is the sacrifice,

The great redeeming work is done!

'Tis finished! All the debt is paid;

Justice divine is satisfied;

The grand and full atonement made;

God for a guilty world hath died.

2. The veil is rent in Christ alone;

The living way to Heaven is seen;

The middle wall is broken down,

And all mankind may enter in.

The types and figures are fulfilled;

Exactd is the legal pain;

The precious promises are sealed;

The spotless Lamb of God is slain.

3. The reign of sin and death is o'er,

And all may live from sin set free;

Satan hath lost his mortal power;

'Tis swallowed up in victory!

Saved from the legal curse I am,

My Saviour hangs upon the tree:

See there the meek, expiring Lamb!

'Tis finished! He expires for me.

4. Accepted in the Well-beloved,

And clothed in righteousness divine,

I see the bar to heaven removed;

And all Thy merits, Lord, are mine!

Death, hell, and sin are now subdued;

All grace is now to sinners given;

And so, I plead the atoning blood,

And in Thy right I claim Thy Heaven!

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Heidelberg Catechism 1

Prayer of Thanksgiving