

When I survey the wondrous cross,
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it Lord that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er His body on the tree:
then I am dead to all the globe
and all the globe is dead to me.

5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Children are welcome in all our services: please help yourselves to activity sheets from the welcome table or feel free to use the crèche area downstairs where there is a livestream of the service. Please stay afterwards for tea & coffee and to get to know each other!

Missionary Evening Thursday, 6:30-8:30pm at the Horgans'.

Youth Group meets this Friday from 7-9pm at Robin's for food, fun and a study on Colossians!

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

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.

Psalm 42:1-2 & Psalm 43:5

Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

Like deer in search of floods, so my soul longs for God;

I thirst for God, the Living God; when shall I see?

My food has been my tears, while throughout endless years

The hostile crowds around me say, 'Where is your God?'

These things I've always known as I pour out my soul:

I've led the throng to worship God, with shouts of praise.

Why is my soul cast down? In turmoil tossed around?

I'll hope in God, and praise once more my Saviour God.

2. To distant lands I'll go, still I'll remember you,

Amid the storms of life your love sweeps over me.

By day your grace outpoured, by night your song breaks forth;

And so I cry to God my Rock, 'Remember me!'

Now scoffers gather round, their taunts like broken bones,

They say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'

Why is my soul cast down? In turmoil tossed around?

I'll hope in God, and praise once more my Saviour God.

3. O God, defend my cause from those who break your laws,

From lies and those who falsify, deliver me.

Your light will shine on me, your truth will set me free,

You'll lead me to your holy hill, and there I'll dwell.

My sacrifice I'll bring to you my glorious king,

I'll praise you with my voice and harp, O LORD my God!

Why is my soul cast down? In turmoil tossed around?

I'll hope in God, and praise once more my Saviour God.

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, we acknowledge and lament our many sins and the wickedness we have committed time after time, by thought, word and deed. We have provoked your righteous anger and your indignation against us. We earnestly repent and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that from this time forward we may always serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:11-14

Whate'er my God ordains is right,

His holy will abide;

I will be still, whate'er He doth
and follow where He guideth.

He is my God, though dark my road
He holds me that I shall not fall;
and so to Him I leave it all,
and so to Him I leave it all.

2. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path,
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He has sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away;
and patiently I wait His day,
and patiently I wait His day.

3. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
though now this cup, in drinking
may bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all, unshrinking.

My God is true; each morn anew
sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;
and pain and sorrow shall depart
and pain and sorrow shall depart.

4. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
here shall my stand be taken;
though sorrow, need or death be mine,
yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall;
and so to Him I leave it all,
and so to Him I leave it all.

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Prayer of Intercession & for Illumination

Bible Reading: Exodus 29

Sermon: God With Us – Consecration of Priests

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upwards I look, and see Him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God..

Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1841-1924 | Tune: Before the Throne

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