

**Holy Spirit, living breath of God,**  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your word to come alive in me;  
give me faith for what I cannot see,  
give me passion for your purity:  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
may your joy be seen in all I do;  
love enough to cover every sin,  
in each thought and deed and attitude,  
kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made,  
show your power once again on earth,  
cause your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ  
may be clear for all the world to see.

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## Benediction

### Notices & Matters for Prayer

**Welcome** to Oxford Pres! Please stay for tea and coffee after the service and to get to know one another! Parents of small children are welcome to use the crèche area downstairs where the service is livestreamed (please return toys to their boxes at the end). Children are very welcome to remain quietly in the service – activity sheets and crayons are available on the welcome table.

**Communicants' Class** will take place after this morning's service.

**Evening Worship** Please join us at 5pm for evening worship where Andy will be preaching from Revelation 21, 'God with Us' and we will be sharing the Lord's Supper together.

**Rooted**, our student-night, meets on Tuesday from 7pm here at the North Gate Hall.

**Home Groups** meet this Thursday, 5:30-7:30pm at the Atipaldis' and 7 for 7:30-9pm, venue TBD.

**Youth Group** meets this Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November for Bible study and games at Robin's.

**Next Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> December we meet for worship at 10:30am followed by our **Bring & Share Lunch** and **Children's Club**. Our **Advent Carol Service** will take place at 5pm – please invite your friends! For those singing in the choir, there is a rehearsal this afternoon at 3:30pm.

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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 10:30am

## Welcome & Notices

### Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100:1-3

### Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

#### The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone.  
And I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

3. And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

Psalm 23 | Stuart Townend © 1996 Thankyou Music

### Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17

#### Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Christ who died and rose again for us. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:18-21

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### 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.

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

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.

## Children's Talk

## Collection of Tithes & Offerings

## Prayer of Intercession

### Confession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed (AD 381)

### With thankful hearts we rise,

with gratitude we come,  
to him alone who sits enthroned,  
to Father, Spirit, Son.  
To him who ever dwells above,  
who knows our sin, yet speaks in love,  
who blesses us to bless – the God of grace.

2. An ordinary church,  
a city on a hill;  
through ordinary means of grace  
may Christ illumine still.  
And as our forebears told your fame,  
may we too boldly own your name,  
as those who live to praise the God of grace.

*With one voice we sing,  
with one heart we honour him;  
hear his name, once again, fill this place.  
With one voice we sing,  
with one heart we honour him:  
Christ the Lord, Christ the God of grace*

3. Look out upon our streets,  
with tenderness and care;  
when leaders falter, friendships fail,  
Good Shepherd, find us there.  
No other so deserves our trust,  
so bold, compassionate, and just;  
we cling to you alone, the God of grace.

## Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

### Bible Reading: Galatians 5:13-6:18

### Sermon: Living for Christ

4. For even at our worst,  
with fists raised to your face,  
with crowns thrust down upon our brows,  
our Jesus took our place.  
He saw the consequences, all  
the twisted wreckage of the fall,  
and bore it to the cross, the God of grace.

*With one voice we sing...*

5. So move us, Holy One,  
as empty, to receive;  
and filled, to share this hope of heaven,  
that lost ones may believe.  
In mercy you have drowned our guilt,  
on mercy may your church be built  
and, blessed to bless, extol the God of grace.

*With one voice we sing...*

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