

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

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### 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 are available on the welcome table.

**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 a **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, 5.00pm

## Welcome & Notices

### Call to Worship

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades." Revelation 1:17-18

## Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

**God is our refuge and our strength,**  
our ever-present aid;  
and therefore, though the earth gives way,  
we will not be afraid.  
Though mountains fall into the sea,  
though waters foam and roar,  
we will not fear, though mountains quake  
as waves engulf the shore;  
as waves engulf the shore.

2. A river flows, whose streams delight  
the city of our God –  
the holy place, in which the LORD  
most High has his abode.  
God is within his holy place;  
the city will not yield,  
for God will come at break of day  
to be her help and shield;  
to be her help and shield.

3. The nations are in disarray;  
the kingdoms disappear.  
God speaks, and at his mighty voice  
the whole earth melts with fear.  
The LORD Almighty is with us  
to strengthen and sustain;  
For Jacob's God our strong defence  
and fortress will remain;  
and fortress will remain.

4. Be still, and know that I am God,  
on earth exalted high;  
and all the nations of the world  
my name will glorify.  
The LORD Almighty is with us  
to strengthen and sustain;  
for Jacob's God our strong defence  
and fortress will remain;  
and fortress will remain.

Psalm 46, Sing Psalms | Tune: Rachel

## Confession of Sin

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we acknowledge and confess that we indeed were conceived and born in sin and, therefore inclined to all evil and slow to do all good; that we unceasingly transgress your holy commandments, and corrupt ourselves more and more. But we are sorry for this and desire your grace and help. Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. So that we may recognise our sin and unrighteousness from the depth of our heart, feel true contrition and grief for them, die to them completely, and please you wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:1-4

### There is a higher throne

than all this world has known,  
where faithful ones from every tongue  
will one day come.

Before the Son we'll stand,  
made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace:  
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,  
their thunderous anthem rings  
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,  
their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, power,  
strength, thanks and honour are  
to God, our King who reigns on high,  
for evermore.*

2. And there we'll find our home,  
our life before the throne;  
we'll honour him in perfect song  
where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,  
as thirst and hunger die;  
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King:  
we'll reign with him.

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## Prayer of Intercession & for Illumination

### Bible Reading: Revelation 21:9-27

### Sermon: God with Us – The Beauty of the Future Tabernacle

### The sands of time are sinking;

the dawn of heaven breaks;  
the summer morn I've sighed for,  
the fair, sweet morn, awakes:  
dark, dark hath been the midnight,  
but day-spring is at hand,  
and glory, glory dwelleth,  
in Immanuel's land.

2. The King there, in His beauty,  
without a veil is seen;  
it were a well-spent journey,  
though seven deaths lay between;  
the Lamb and with His fair army  
doth on Mount Zion stand,  
and glory, glory dwelleth  
in Immanuel's land.

5. The bride eyes not her garment,  
but her dear bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory,  
but on my King of grace;  
not at the crown He giveth  
but on His piercèd hand:  
The Lamb is all the glory  
of Immanuel's land.

Anne Ross Cousin, 1824-1906 | Tune: Rutherford

3. O Christ, He is the fountain,  
the deep, sweet well of love;  
the streams on earth I've tasted  
more deep I'll drink above;  
there, to an ocean fulness,  
His mercy doth expand,  
and glory, glory dwelleth  
in Immanuel's land.

4. With mercy and with judgement  
my web of time He wove,  
and aye the dews of sorrow  
were lusted with His love:  
I'll bless the hand that guided,  
I'll bless the heart that planned,  
when throned where glory dwelleth  
in Immanuel's land.

### 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