

Sunday 19th January 2025, 10:30am

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 150:6

Opening Prayer

You made the starry hosts,

You traced the mountain peaks,
You paint the evening sky with wonders.
The earth, it is Your throne
from desert to the sea;
all nature testifies Your splendour.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
sing His greatness all creation!
Praise the Lord, raise your voice,
you heights and all you depths,
from furthest east to west!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

3. Let symphonies resound,
let drums and choirs ring out,
all heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let every nation bring
its honours to the King,
a roar of harmonies eternal.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
sing His greatness all creation!
Praise the Lord, raise your voice,
you heights and all you depths,
from furthest east to west!*

2. You reached into the dust,
in love, Your Spirit breathed,
You formed us in Your very likeness
to know Your wondrous works,
to tell Your mighty deeds,
to join the everlasting chorus.

*You distant burning stars,
all creatures near and far,
from sky to sea to shore,
sing out forevermore!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...

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.

Ephesians 2:1-3

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and ye, who tread where He hath trod,
crown Him the Son of man:
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for His own
that all in Him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high;
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5. Crown Him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

6. Crown Him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime!
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges, 1800-94 | Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903

Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Everyone is invited to stay for our **Bring & Share Lunch** after today's service. There is plenty of food so don't worry if you haven't come prepared! **'DoorKeepers'**, our children's club, will meet after lunch.

Children We love having children in all our services as we train them to participate in public worship. Activity sheets are available on the welcome table; we also have a crèche area with a livestream downstairs (below the gallery) for little ones who are struggling. As a church it's our joy to practise both patience when children make a noise, and consideration of those who find noise distracting.

Evening Worship, 5pm Andy will be resuming our series in Exodus.

Rooted, our student group, meets on Tuesdays from 7pm for pizza and Bible study.

Home Groups meet this Thursday, 5:30-7:30pm at the Atipaldis' and 7-9pm at the Martins'.

Youth Group meets this Friday from 7-9pm here at the NGH.

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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Confession of Sin

O God and Father, most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as you blotted out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of your Holy Spirit, that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing to you, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

John Calvin, Forms of Prayers

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

In Christ alone my hope is found,

he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all-in-all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh,
fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayer of Intercession

Sung Confession of Faith:

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ, our hope in life and death

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

3. Unto the grave, what will we sing?
'Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!'
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy,
when Christ is ours for evermore.

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Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Revelation 1:1-8

Sermon: The Revelation of Jesus Christ