

Sermon: 'Here We Go Again ...'

God be merciful to me

on Your grace I rest my plea;
Your compassions overflow;
blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within,
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess,
grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Your grace
and provoked You to Your face;
I confess Your judgment just,
speechless, in Your mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;
You desire all truth within.
You alone my Saviour are;
teach Your wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, Your grace bestow,
wash me whiter than the snow.

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
by Your wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear Your voice;
from my sins, O hide Your face,
blot them out in boundless grace

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
let me not abandoned be,
let Your Spirit dwell in me;
Your salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

Psalm 51 | Tune: New City Fellowship

Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the service and to spend time getting to know each other!

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.

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 here at the NGH from 7-9pm.

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

May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. Then all nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed. Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvellous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

Psalm 72:17-19

Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voice and with us sing:

O praise Him! Hallelujah!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,

ye clouds that sail in heaven along:

O praise Him! Hallelujah!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening find a voice:

3. And everyone, with tender heart,

forgiving others take your part:

O praise Him! Hallelujah!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,

praise God and on Him cast your care:

4. Let all things their Creator bless

and worship Him in humbleness:

O praise Him! Hallelujah!

Praise, praise the Father praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

Psalm 148 | Francis of Assisi 1225, tr. William Henry Draper 1919
Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are under sin. Your holy word tells us that "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God." We freely admit that we have turned aside and become worthless; we refrain from doing good; our throats are an open grave and our tongues deceive; the venom of asps is on our lips and our mouths are full of curses and bitterness. Our feet are swift to shed blood, our paths lead to ruin and misery, and we do not know the way of peace. We acknowledge that the fear of God is not in us or before us. Your law stops our mouths and with the whole world we stand accountable to you, our Creator and God. Have mercy on us we pray. Do not treat us as our sins deserve. Help us believe in Jesus Christ and receive by faith the promise of his redemption. May we gain Christ and be found in him and know the power of his resurrection in our lives. Amen.

from Romans 3:9-20

Assurance of Pardon

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:25-28

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows heals our wounds
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest,
and to the weary rest.

2. Dear name, the Rock on which I build,
my shield my hiding place;
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace!
Jesus, my shepherd, saviour, friend
my Prophet, Priest and King
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring,
accept the praise I bring.

3. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see You as You are,
I'll praise You as I ought.
Till then I would Your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
so shall the music of Your name
refresh my soul in death,
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Confession of Faith

Minister: How are you righteous before God?

Congregation: Only by faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.

Heidelberg Catechism 60

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you

to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes for your glory.

2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail –
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us –
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

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Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Exodus 32:1-14