

O great God of highest heaven,
occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain
that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
make me yours forever more.

2. I was blinded by my sin,
had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within,
had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life,
opened up your word to me
through the gospel of your Son,
gave me endless hope and peace.

3. Help me now to live a life
that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
glorify your name through me.

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Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

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 preaching from Exodus 32 – please join us!

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

Central Prayer Meeting this Thursday, 7 for 7:30-9pm, here at the North Gate Hall

Youth Group meets this Friday from 7-9pm. See Tom or Robin for further details.

Next Bring & Share Lunch: Sunday 16th February

ReRooted Student Getaway 17th-19th March (Week 9). See Alberto, Gabby or Neil for more details!

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 2nd February 2025, 10:30am

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. Psalm 145:1-3

Opening Prayer

God, my King, I will extol you,

Bless your name forevermore;
Every day, I'll sing your goodness,
Hymn the greatness of the Lord.
You are praised through generations
Of your works we'll always tell;
We will praise your matchless goodness,
Praise the God of Israel!

3. Lord your throne will last forever,
You will reign from age to age;
You are faithful to your promise,
You are kind in all your ways;
You uphold the weak and falling,
Give your strength to weary feet;
From you hand you pour forth blessing,
Satisfy our every need.

2. God is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, rich in love;
He is good to all his creatures,
Showers blessings from above.
All your works shall bless and thank you,
Tell of all your mighty deeds,
Celebrate your wondrous kingdom;
You shall reign in majesty!

4. God is righteous to his promise,
He is kind in all his ways;
He is near to those who seek him,
Yet the wicked casts away;
He fulfils the good desire,
Of his saints who fear his name;
Let all peoples praise his goodness
And forever sing his praise!

Psalm 145, Matt Searles | Tune: Dim Ond Iesu

Call to Confession

This is what the LORD says: 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting-place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?' declares the LORD. 'These are the ones I look on with favour: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.'

Isaiah 66:1-2

Prayer of Adoration & Confession of Sin

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder

consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Stuart K Hine © 1949 and 1953 | Tune: How Great Thou Art

Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayer of Intercession

Confession of Faith:

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Heidelberg Catechism 1

Christ, the sure and steady anchor

in the fury of the storm,
when the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn;
in the suffering, in the sorrow,
when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor;
it shall never be removed.

2. Christ, the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on,
when temptation claims the battle
and it seems the night has won;
deeper still then goes the anchor,
though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor;
it shall never be removed.

Christ, the shore of our salvation,
ever faithful, ever true;
we will hold fast to the anchor;
it shall never be removed.

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3. Christ, the sure and steady anchor
through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, O my soul, now
lift your eyes to Calvary.
This, my ballast of assurance;
see his love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor;
it shall never be removed.

4. Christ, the sure and steady anchor
as we face the wave of death,
when these trials give way to glory,
as we draw our final breath;
we will cross that great horizon,
clouds behind and life secure,
and the calm will be the better
for the storms that we endure.

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

Sermon: Jesus Christ's Letter to the Church in Ephesus