

Sunday 2nd February 2025, 5pm

'Jesus is Lord' – the cry that echoes through creation:

resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

2. 'Jesus is Lord' – whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
yet in his wisdom laid aside his crown.
Jesus the man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

3. 'Jesus is Lord' – the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
and we can run into the arms of God.

4. 'Jesus is Lord' – a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
as he returns, and every knee bows low.
Then every eye and every heart will see his glory,
the Judge of all will take his children home.

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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.

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 and Doorkeepers Club: 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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Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Opening Prayer

Come praise and glorify our God,
the Father of our Lord;
in Christ he has in heavenly realms
his blessings on us poured.
For pure and blameless in his sight
he destined us to be,
and now we've been adopted through
his Son eternally.

*To the praise of your glory,
to the praise of your mercy and grace;
to the praise of your glory:
you are the God who saves.*

2. Come praise and glorify our God,
who gives his grace in Christ;
in him our sins are washed away,
redeemed through sacrifice.
In him God has made known to us
the mystery of his will:
that Christ should be the head of all,
his purpose to fulfil.

3. Come praise and glorify our God,
for we've believed the Word
and through our faith we have a seal:
the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope
until redemption's done,
until we join in endless praise
to God, the Three-in-One.

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Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Corinthians 5:20-21

He stood before the court

on trial instead of us;
He met its power to hurt,
condemned to face the cross;
our King, accused
of treachery;
our God, abused
for blasphemy!

2. These are the crimes that tell
the tale of human guilt;
our sins, our death, our hell,
on these the case is built;
to this world's powers
their Lord stays dumb;
the guilt is ours,
no answers come.

3. The sentence must be passed,
the unknown prisoner killed;
the price is paid at last,
the law of God fulfilled;
He takes our blame,
and from that day
the accuser's claim
is wiped away.

4. Shall we be judged and tried?
In Christ our trial is done;
we live, for He has died,
our condemnation gone;
in Christ are we
both dead and raised –
alive and free –
His name be praised!

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Tune: St John

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Confession of Faith

We believe that God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace we have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Amen. from Ephesians 2:4–10

O praise the LORD! O thank the LORD!

For good to us is he,
because his loving-kindness lasts
to all eternity.
O who the LORD's praise can express,
or tell his deeds of might?
How blessed are they who justice keep,
who always do what's right.

2. Remember me, LORD, with the love
you show your people dear,
and with your great salvation, bring
me help as you draw near.
Just as our fathers did before,
we too have sinned, and we
committed have iniquity;
we've acted wickedly.

3. A molten calf at Horeb they
did make and worship there.
The image of a grazing ox
they changed their glory for,
forgot their God who saved them, who
in Egypt did great deeds,
and wonders in the land of Ham,
and by the Sea of Reeds.

4. He said he would destroy them there
had Moses not stood forth;
his chosen one stood in the breach
to stop destructive wrath.
Save us, O LORD our God, and from
the nations us reclaim,
that we may glory in your praise,
and thank your holy name.

Psalms 106:1-3, 5, 17-19, 35 | The Psalms for Singing
Tune: My heart is filled with thankfulness

Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Exodus 32:15-35

Sermon: Dealing with the Consequences of Sin