

You have called us out of darkest night,
into Your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of
the risen Christ.

2. May our every breath retell the grace
that broke into our strife
with boundless love and deepest joy,
with endless life.

*May the peoples praise You,
let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes
that we may praise,
may praise the Name of Jesus.*

3. All the earth is Yours and all within,
each harvest is Your own;
and, from Your hand, we give to You
to make Christ known.

Benediction

4. May the seeds of mercy grow in us
for those who have not heard,
may songs of praise build lives of grace
to spread Your Word.

May the peoples praise You...

5. This, our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
to every nation, tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaim.

May the peoples praise You...

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Sunday 9th March 2025, 10:30am

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to enquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

Psalm 27:4-5

Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

The LORD's my saviour and my light—
who will make me dismayed?
The LORD's the stronghold of my life—
why should I be afraid?

2. When evildoers threaten me
to take my life away,
My adversaries and my foes
will stumble in that day.

3. Although an army hems me in,
my heart will feel no dread;
Though war against me should arise,
I will lift up my head.

4. One thing I'll plead before the LORD,
and this I'll seek always:
That I may come within God's house
and dwell there all my days

5. That on the beauty of the LORD
I constantly may gaze,
And in his house may seek to know
direction in his ways.

6. For in his dwelling he will keep
me safe in troubled days;
Within his tent he'll shelter me,
and on a rock me raise.

7. My head will then be lifted high
above my enemies;
And in his tent I'll sacrifice
with shouts of joy and praise.

8. Yet I am sure that in this life
God's goodness I will see.
Wait for the LORD; be strong, take heart.
For him wait patiently.

Psalm 27 | Sing Psalms | Tune: Salzburg

Call to Confession

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Psalm 27:7-9

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! After the service, everyone is invited to stay for our **Bring & Share Lunch** and children are invited to join our **Doorkeepers Club** from 1-1:45

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 at 5pm. Neil will be preaching from the Psalms – please join us!

Student Study Café Monday 9:30-4pm, here at the North Gate Hall. See Gabby for further details!

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 Robin's house.

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

NGH Building Works Please note that for 4 weeks before Easter, building renovations will be taking place in the North Gate Hall. This means that from Sunday 23rd March to 13th April our services will be in St. Luke's Chapel and the Quaker Friends Meeting house. Please look out for more details in a forthcoming email.

Children's Holiday Bible Club 2025 will take place on 14-15th August. Further details to follow!

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

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! Psalms 27:13-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving

How I love the voice of Jesus

on the cross of Calvary.

He declares his work is finished,
He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining,
though the war appeared as lost,
Christ had triumphed over evil –
it was finished upon that cross.

2. Now, the curse, it has been broken:
Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon he has offered;
great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father,
clothed in Jesus' righteousness;
there is no more guilt to carry –
it was finished upon that cross.

3. Death was once my great opponent,
fear once had a hold on me,
but the Son who died to save us
rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness,
free to live and free to love;
death is dead and Christ is risen –
it was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory,
to my Saviour and my God;
I rejoice in Jesus' victory –
it was finished upon that cross.

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Children's Talk

Welcoming of New Members

Prayer of 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.

Minister: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

Congregation: Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbours may be won over to Christ.

Nicene Creed (AD 381)

All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voice and with us sing:

O praise Him! Alleluia!

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

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Let all things their Creator bless
and worship Him in humbleness:

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One!

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. All the redeemed washed by His blood
come and rejoice in His great love:

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin,
cast all your burdens now on Him!

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. He shall return in power to reign;
heaven and earth will join to say:

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?

All creatures of our God and King!

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Revelation 3:7-13

Sermon: Philadelphia - The Open Door