

Sunday, 4 May 2025, 10:30am

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

Isaiah 6:1-3

Opening Prayer

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert and art and evermore shall be!

3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Bible Reading: Daniel 7:9-14

There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace:
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are
to God, our King who reigns on high,
for evermore.*

2. And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honour him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,
as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King:
we'll reign with him.

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Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

Welcome to Oxford Pres! Whether this is your first service with us, or you attend regularly, we offer you a warm welcome. Please feel free 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. 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 here at the North Gate Hall. Andy will be preaching from Exodus 34.

Rooted our Student Group meets on Tuesday from 7pm for pizza and Bible study, here at the NGH.

Coffee Morning Wednesday 7 May, 10-11:30am, here are the North Gate Hall

Home Groups meet this Thursday 8 May.. See this week's email for further details!

Youth Group meets this Friday 9 May, 7-9pm here at the North Gate Hall.

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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Bible Reading: Daniel 7:9-14

Call to Confession

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.'

Isaiah 6:4-5

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.'

Isaiah 6:6-7

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Psalms 51 | Tune: New City Fellowship

Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes & Offerings*

Confession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed (AD 381)

Though the nations rage,

kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King
reigning over all;
so I will not fear,
for this truth remains,
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above him, none before him,
all of time in his hands,
for his throne it shall remain and ever stand –
all the power, all the glory;
I will trust in his name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.*

2. Though the dread of night
overwhelms my soul,
he is here with me:
I am not alone.
O, his love is sure
and he knows my name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

3. Though I may not see
what the future brings,
I will watch and wait
for the Saviour-King;
then my joy complete,
standing face to face
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

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Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Revelation 4

Sermon: A Vision of Reality