

Sunday, 4 May 2025, 5pm

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5

Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

Praise God, my soul! With all my heart

Let me exalt his holy name.
Forget not all his benefits;
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;
Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness. (x2)

2. He satisfies your deep desires
From his unending stores of good,
So that, just like the eagle's strength,
Your faithful vigour is renewed.
The LORD is known for righteous acts
And justice to downtrodden ones.
To Moses he made known his ways,
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons. (x2)

3. The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.
He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.
He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.
How great his love – as high as heaven –
Towards all those who fear the LORD! (x2)

Psalm 103:1-11 | Sing Psalms, 2003

Praise be to Christ in whom we see
the image of the Father shown,
the firstborn Son revealed and known,
the truth and grace of deity;
through whom creation came to birth,
whose fingers set the stars in place,
the unseen powers and this small earth,
the furthest bounds of time and space.

2. Praise be to him whose sovereign sway
and will upholds creation's plan;
who is, before all worlds began
and when our world has passed away:
Lord of the church, its life and head,
redemption's price and source and theme,
alive, the firstborn from the dead,
to reign as all-in-all supreme.

3. Praise be to him who, Lord most high,
the fulness of the Godhead shares;
and yet our human nature bears,
who came as man to bleed and die.
And from his cross there flows our peace
who chose for us the path he trod,
that so might sins and sorrows cease
and all be reconciled to God.

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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.

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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Confession of Sin

Righteous and Sovereign God, you are good, patient, kind and longsuffering. Save us from ourselves - from the deceits of sin; from the treachery of our fallen natures; from our denying your charge against our offences; from lives lived in rebellion against you. We confess that our thoughts, affections, desires, and pursuits, are alienated from you. O King of our lives, do not cast us into destruction, or drive us from your presence. Rather, wound our hearts that we may be healed. Break us so that in your own hands we may be made whole. Help us to receive the gift of Jesus Christ and to walk in him, depend upon him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Perceiving nothing in ourselves, may we find in Christ wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Amen.

Adapted from The Valley of Vision – A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions

Assurance of Pardon

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. Psalm 103:10-14

Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head,

my God, my portion and my living bread;
in Him I live, upon Him cast my care;
He saves from death, destruction and despair.

2. He is my refuge in each deep distress,
the Lord my strength and glorious righteousness.
Through floods and flames He leads me safely on,
and daily makes His sovereign goodness known.

3. My every need He richly will supply,
nor will His mercy ever let me die;
in Him there dwells a treasure all divine
and matchless grace has made that treasure mine.

4. O that my soul could love and praise Him more,
His beauties trace, His majesty adore,
live near His heart, upon His bosom lean,
obey His voice and all His will esteem.

William Gadsby, 1773-1844 | Christian Hymns | Tune: Huntingdon

Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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.

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,

breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see,
give me passion for your purity:
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do;
love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

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Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Sermon: The Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ