

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all your people through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing hallelujah to our heavenly king.

2. Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

3. Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours.

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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 stay for tea and coffee after the service.

Evening Worship We meet again for worship at the usual time of 5pm.

Elders Meeting Please pray for our elders and trustees as they meet on Wednesday evening.

Central Prayer Meeting Thursday, 7 for 7:30pm at Union House. Do join us if you can..

Stay & Play meets on Friday from 10-11:30am. See this week's email for details.

Bring & Share Lunch Our next Bring and Share lunch will be on Sunday 3rd May.

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Sunday, 5th April 2026, 5:00pm

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:22-24

Opening Prayer

Give thanks to God, for he is good,

the everlasting Giver:

let all his people praise the Lord
whose love endures for ever.

For his right hand has made me strong;
I am his new creation:

he is my God, he is my song,
my strength and my salvation.

2. When troubles loomed on every side
and nameless fears surrounded,
to God my Lord I quickly cried
and soon his help abounded.

For God has heard my desperate plea
and seen my pain and sadness;
he came to me, and set me free
in paths of peace and gladness.

3. We trust in God, in him alone;
the stone that was rejected
has now become the cornerstone
that God has resurrected.
The day is his, the first of days,
to celebrate with singing;
rejoice in God, and give him praise,
our best hosannas bringing.

4. The Lord has made his light to shine
on all our dark depression;
from east to west, believers join
his victory procession.
O save us, Lord: give us success!
Your gifts flow like a river;
O bless us, God whose name we bless!
Your love endures for ever.

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Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:28-31

In Christ alone my hope is found,

he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all-in-all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh,
fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied,
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Confession of Faith

We believe that Jesus was made under the law and did perfectly fulfil it; endured most grievous torments immediately in His soul, and most painful sufferings in His body; was crucified and died; was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day He arose from the dead, with the same body in which He suffered; with which also He ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of His Father, making intercession; and shall return to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.4

I know that my Redeemer lives:

what joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting head.

2. He lives, triumphant from the grave;
He lives, eternally to save;
He lives, all glorious in the sky;
He lives, exalted there on high.

3. He lives to bless me with His love,
and still He pleads for me above;
He lives to raise me from the grave,
and me eternally to save.

4. He lives, my kind, wise, constant friend,
who still will keep me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing,
Jesus, my Prophet, Priest and King

5. He lives my mansion to prepare;
and He will bring me safely there;
He lives, all glory to His name!
Jesus unchangeably the same!

Samuel Medley, 1738-99 | Tune: Church Triumphant

Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: John 20:19-31

Sermon: Encountering the Risen Jesus Christ