

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The LORD's my Shepherd, leading me;

I will not be in need.
He'll make me lie in pastures green;
By quiet waters lead.

2. And He restores my soul again;
He guides the steps I take
To walk along a righteous path,
All for his own name's sake.

3. Though in a valley dark as death,
No evil will I fear;
Your rod and staff, they comfort me,
For you are always near.

4. A feast you have prepared for me
In sight of all my foes;
And you anoint my head with oil,
My full cup overflows.

5. What love and goodness all my life
Will follow after me;
And in the LORD's house evermore
My dwelling place will be.

Psalm 23 | Scottish Psalter | Tune: St Columba

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. Bibles and children's activity sheets are available in the lobby. All are welcome to stay for our Bring & Share lunch after the service.

Crèche Room with livestream of the service for parents and little ones is available next door.

Evening Worship is at 5pm as usual. Andy will be preaching from Nehemiah 12.

Student Study Café 'On the Road' is on Monday, 9am-4pm

Rooted, our student night, meets on Tuesday, 7-9:30pm for food and Bible study.

North Gate Hall Anniversary Thursday 7th May. Give thanks to God for three years in this space! Pray for ongoing provision for the restoration and for Neil and Andy's fundraising trip this week.

Central Prayer Meeting is on Thursday 7:30-9pm at Union House and online.

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

Life Explored begins on Thursday 28th May for 4 weeks. See Gareth for further details.

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Please be responsible for your property and (parents) your children whilst you are with us.

Please also be aware our services are livestreamed.

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Sunday, 3rd May 2026, 10:30am

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

For this is what the LORD says – he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited – he says: 'I am the LORD, and there is no other. I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, "Seek me in vain." I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.

Isaiah 45:18-19

Prayer for God's Presence and Blessing

Who has held the oceans in his hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice;
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on his throne,
come, let us adore him.*

*Behold our King: nothing can compare,
come, let us adore him!*

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

3. Who has felt the nails upon his hands
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave:
Jesus, Saviour risen now to reign!

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Call to Confession

'Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

Isaiah 45: 22-23

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

They will say of me, "In the LORD alone are deliverance and strength." All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. But all the descendants of Israel will find deliverance in the LORD and will make their boast in him. Isaiah 45:24-25

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Come, behold the wondrous mystery

in the dawning of the King:
he, the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come;
look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come, behold the wondrous mystery:
he the perfect Son of Man;
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfilment
of the law – in him we stand.

3. Come, behold the wondrous mystery!
Christ the Lord upon the tree:
in the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory –
grace unmeasured, love untold!

4. Come, behold the wondrous mystery:
slain by death, the God of life;
but no grave could e'er restrain him –
praise the Lord: he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance,
how unwavering our hope:
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes.

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Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes and Offerings *

Announcement – Life Explored

Prayer of Intercession and for Illumination

Bible Reading: Romans 3:21-31

Sermon: The Implications of God's Righteous Salvation

I have seen my Father's glory

revealed in Jesus Christ,
and the more that I behold Him
the more He satisfies.
When I gaze upon His beauty,
when I see Him as I should,
then my eyes are lifted upward
for His glory and my good.

2. There is hope in every trial,
for I can trust the Lord;
He will turn my heart towards Him
and help me bear the thorn.
So in faith I follow Jesus
on the road not understood,
for I know that He is working
for His glory and my good.

*To our God be the glory,
to our God be praise;
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only
in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good.*

3. See the open arms of Jesus
upon the cross that day:
what they understood as weakness
deserves my every praise.
For the charge that was against me,
it was nailed into the wood;
yes I know that He has saved me
for His glory and my good.

To our God be the glory...

4. Would I gladly be made nothing,
that Christ would be made more;
would I seek the only kingdom
that far outweighs them all.
I will stand before my Father
where the faithful saints have stood
and with joy my heart shall praise Him
for His glory and my good.

To our God be the glory...

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

All those who trust Christ alone for their salvation, are baptised and are humbly seeking to live in obedience to the gospel are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on Christ by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the bread and wine to pass you by and take this opportunity to consider the offer of forgiveness of sins in Jesus alone.

A word to parents: baptised children are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper after they have made a credible profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Elders of the Church.

Confession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Apostles' Creed