

Bible Reading: 2 Chronicles 16

Sermon: The Eyes of The Lord

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

2. Turn your eyes to the hillside
where justice and mercy embraced;
there the Son of God gave his life for us
and our measureless debt was erased.

*Jesus, to you we lift our eyes;
Jesus, our glory and our prize:
we adore you, behold you,
our Saviour ever true –
O Jesus, we turn our eyes to you.*

3. Turn your eyes to the morning
and see Christ, the lion, awake;
what a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone,
for we carry his life in our veins.

4. Turn your eyes to the heavens:
our King will return for his own;
every knee will bow, every tongue will shout:
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

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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. Bibles and children's activity sheets are available in the lobby. All are welcome to stay for tea & coffee after the service.

Breeze translation of the service is unavailable this week. Please accept our apologies.

Student Study Café 'On the Road' is on Monday, 9am-4pm. See Gabby or Jonathan for details.

Rooted, our student night, meets on Tuesday, 7:00-9:30pm for food and Bible study.

Morning Prayer is on Tuesday from 7:30-8:00am on zoom.

Life Explored begins on Thursday, 7:30-9:00pm here at the North Gate Hall.

Stay & Play meets on Friday from 10-11:30am. See Davinia for further details.

Youth Group meets on Friday evening 7-9pm.

Bring & Share Lunch is next Sunday 7th June, with a farewell to the Hutchings.

Save the Date! Our **Families Day** will be on Saturday 15th August, 2-6pm at Oxford City Farm.

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Sunday, 31st May 2026, 5:00pm

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Psalms 34:1-3

Prayer for God's Presence & Blessing

Like deer in search of floods, so my soul longs for God;

I thirst for God, the Living God; when shall I see?
My food has been my tears, while throughout endless years
The hostile crowds around me say, 'Where is your God?'
These things I've always known as I pour out my soul:
I've led the throng to worship God, with shouts of praise.
Why is my soul cast down? In turmoil tossed around?
I'll hope in God, and praise once more my Saviour God.

2. To distant lands I'll go, still I'll remember you,
Amid the storms of life your love sweeps over me.
By day your grace outpoured, by night your song breaks forth;
And so I cry to God my Rock, 'Remember me!'
Now scoffers gather round, their taunts like broken bones,
They say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'
Why is my soul cast down? In turmoil tossed around?
I'll hope in God, and praise once more my Saviour God.

3. O God, defend my cause from those who break your laws,
From lies and those who falsify, deliver me.
Your light will shine on me, your truth will set me free,
You'll lead me to your holy hill, and there I'll dwell.
My sacrifice I'll bring to you my glorious king,
I'll praise you with my voice and harp, O LORD my God!
Why is my soul cast down? In turmoil tossed around?
I'll hope in God, and praise once more my Saviour God.

Psalms 42 & 43, Steve Jeffery | Tune: There is a Higher Throne

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

Please also be aware our services are livestreamed.

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

Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are towards the righteous and his ears towards their cry.

Psalm 34:14-15

Jesus is King and I will extol Him,

give Him the glory and honour His name.
He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,
Word of the Father exalted for us.

2. We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,
gone through the curtain and touching the throne;
we have a Priest who is there interceding,
pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

3. We come to Him, our Priest and Apostle,
clothed in His glory and bearing His name;
laying our lives with gladness before Him;
filled with His Spirit we worship the King.

4. O Holy One, our hearts do adore You;
thrilled with Your goodness we give You our praise.
Angels in light with worship surround Him;
Jesus our Saviour, for ever the same.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Confession of Faith

We believe that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

from Colossians 1:15-20

O great God of highest heaven,

occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain
that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
make me yours forever more.

2. I was blinded by my sin,
had no ears to hear your voice,
did not know your love within,
had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life,
opened up your word to me
through the gospel of your Son,
gave me endless hope and peace.

3. Help me now to live a life
that's dependent on your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
glorify your name through me.

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Prayer for Understanding of God's Word