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! Please help yourselves to Bibles and children's sheets from the welcome table in the lobby. Please stay for tea & coffee after the service and to spend time together.

Parents We love having children in our services! We understand that children can be noisy so please make use of the JI Packer Library where you can continue with us in worship via livestream. Please bring children back into the schoolroom after the service.

After the service we will stack most of the chairs onto the trolleys, freeing up space to mingle; maximum 16 chairs per trolley. To avoid accidents, please keep children away from the trolleys.

Evening Worship is at 5pm. Andy will be preaching from Nahum 3.

Morning Prayer is on Tuesday from 7:30-8:00am on zoom. Further details are on the weekly email

Women's Bible Study is on Wednesday, 7pm for a 7:30 start. Speak to Robin for details

Men's Group is on Thursday, 7pm for a 7:30 start. Speak to Andy or Gareth for details.

Post-Grad & Young Professionals Group is on Sunday 25th October in the afternoon. Speak to Neil or Jonathan if you are interested.

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

Welcome Lunches & Teas Sundays 11th & 18th October. Everyone is invited!

Annual Church Dinner Saturday 21st November, 4:30-7pm. Booking opens soon!

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OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 4th October 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

Opening Prayer

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer;
there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
O, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side the Saviour he will stay;
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
O, the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread: I know I am forgiven,
the future sure, the price it has been paid;
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated!
Jesus now and ever is my plea;
O, the chains are released; I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home;
and day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
all the glory evermore to him;
when the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
'Yet not I, but through Christ in me!'

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Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes and Offerings *

Prayer of Intercession and for Illumination

Bible Reading: Romans 8:31-39

Sermon: The Super Invincibility of Christians

Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
Though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing;
I am His forevermore.

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow;
Darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley, I must travel,
Where I see no earthly good.

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted.
Christ completes His work in me.

3. Mine are days here as a stranger;
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name.

But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk.
For, there, my heart has found its treasure:
Christ is mine for evermore.

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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

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.
Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving