Though the nations rage,
kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King
reigning over all;
so I will not fear,
for this truth remains,
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

None above him, none before him,
all of time in his hands,
for his throne it shall remain and ever stand –
all the power, all the glory;
I will trust in his name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

2. Though the dread of night
overwhelms my soul,
he is here with me:
I am not alone.
O, his love is sure
and he knows my name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.

3. Though I may not see
what the future brings,
I will watch and wait
for the Saviour-King;
then my joy complete,
standing face to face
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

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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.

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, 5:00pm

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. Psalm 145:1-3

Opening Prayer

God, my King, I will extol you,
Bless your name forevermore;
Every day, I'll sing your goodness,
Hymn the greatness of the Lord.
You are praised through generations
Of your works we'll always tell;
We will praise your matchless goodness,
Praise the God of Israel!

2. God is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, rich in love;
He is good to all his creatures,
Showers blessings from above.
All your works shall bless and thank you,
Tell of all your mighty deeds,
Celebrate your wondrous kingdom;
You shall reign in majesty!

3. Lord your throne will last forever,
You will reign from age to age;
You are faithful to your promise,
You are kind in all your ways;
You uphold the weak and falling,
Give your strength to weary feet;
From you hand you pour forth blessing,
Satisfy our every need.

4. God is righteous to his promise,
He is kind in all his ways;
He is near to those who seek him,
Yet the wicked casts away;
He fulfils the good desire,
Of his saints who fear his name;
Let all peoples praise his goodness
And forever sing his praise!

Psalm 145, Matt Searles | Tune: Dim Ond Iesu

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are under sin. Your holy word tells us that “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God.” We freely admit that we have turned aside and become worthless; we refrain from doing good; our throats are an open grave and our tongues deceive; the venom of asps is on our lips and our mouths are full of curses and bitterness. Our feet are swift to shed blood, our paths lead to ruin and misery, and we do not know the way of peace. We acknowledge that the fear of God is not in us or before us. Your law stops our mouths and with the whole world we stand accountable to you, our Creator and God. Have mercy on us we pray. Do not treat us as our sins deserve. Help us believe in Jesus Christ and receive by faith the promise of his redemption. May we gain Christ and be found in him and know the power of his resurrection in our lives. Amen.

Using Romans 3:9–20

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Psalm 145:8-9

‘Tis finished! The Messiah dies,

Cut off for sins, but not His own:
Accomplished is the sacrifice,
The great redeeming work is done!
‘Tis finished! All the debt is paid;
Justice divine is satisfied;
The grand and full atonement made;
God for a guilty world hath died.

2. The veil is rent in Christ alone;
The living way to Heaven is seen;
The middle wall is broken down,
And all mankind may enter in.
The types and figures are fulfilled;
Exacted is the legal pain;
The precious promises are sealed;
The spotless Lamb of God is slain.

3. The reign of sin and death is o’er,
And all may live from sin set free;
Satan hath lost his mortal power;
‘Tis swallowed up in victory!
Saved from the legal curse I am,
My Saviour hangs upon the tree:
See there the meek, expiring Lamb!
‘Tis finished! He expires for me.

4. Accepted in the Well-beloved,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
I see the bar to heaven removed;
And all Thy merits, Lord, are mine!
Death, hell, and sin are now subdued;
All grace is now to sinners given;
And so, I plead the atoning blood,
And in Thy right I claim Thy Heaven!

Charles Wesley 1707-88 | Music: John Kelly

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Confession of Faith

Minister: How are you righteous before God?
Congregation: Only by faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.

Heidelberg Catechism 60

Whate'er my God ordains is right,

His holy will abideth;
I will be still, whate'er He doth
and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road
He holds me that I shall not fall;
and so to Him I leave it all,
and so to Him I leave it all.

2. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path,
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He has sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away;
and patiently I wait His day,
and patiently I wait His day.

3. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
though now this cup, in drinking
may bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew
sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;
and pain and sorrow shall depart,
and pain and sorrow shall depart.

4. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
here shall my stand be taken;
though sorrow, need or death be mine,
yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall;
and so to Him I leave it all,
and so to Him I leave it all.

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Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: Nahum 3

Sermon: Understanding the Judgement of God