

Sunday, 9 January 2022

...the Lord watches over you...

Psalm 121:5 (NIV)

Today's preacher is:

Jerry Middleton

## Morning Service

### Welcome and Notices

### Praise

#### **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;**

O my soul, praise Him for He is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear,  
brothers and sisters, draw near,  
praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning;  
keeping us safe at His side, and so gently sustaining.

Have you not seen  
all you have needed has been  
met by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;  
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.

Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with His love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness and sin are abounding,  
who, when the godless are rampant, all goodness confounding,  
breaks forth as light,  
scatters the terrors of night,  
saints with His mercy surrounding!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him;  
all that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the 'Amen!'

sound from His people again -  
gladly we praise and adore Him.

*Joachim Neander, Tr. Catherine Winkworth and Percy Dearmer*

### Prayer

### Reading

#### **Psalm 121:1-8**

*A song of ascents.*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not slumber;

<sup>4</sup>indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD watches over you—  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup>the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;  
<sup>8</sup>the LORD will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.

## Children's Talk

### Praise

#### **The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,**

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.  
*And I will trust in You alone.*  
*And I will trust in You alone,*  
*for Your endless mercy follows me,*  
*Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and He anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.  
*And I will trust in you alone....*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.  
*And I will trust in you alone....*

*Stuart Townend*  
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### Prayer

### Praise

**My soul finds rest in God alone,**  
my rock and my salvation,  
a fortress strong against my foes,  
and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,  
and lies like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,  
I'll look to Him who hears me.  
*O praise Him, hallelujah;*  
*my delight and my reward:*  
*everlasting, never failing;*  
*my Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest my soul in God alone  
amid the world's temptations.  
When evil seeks to take a hold  
I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go  
don't set your heart upon them.  
The fields of hope in which I sow  
are harvested in heaven.  
*O praise Him, hallelujah..*

I'll set my gaze on God alone  
and trust in Him completely.  
With every day pour out my soul  
and He will prove His mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath  
a sigh too brief to measure,  
my King has crushed the curse of death  
and I am His forever.  
*O praise Him, hallelujah..*

*Aaron Keys & Stuart Townend*

## Prayer

## Message

**The Path Of Life:** Trusting Jesus

## Prayer

## Praise

**I to the hills will lift mine eyes.**

From whence doth come mine aid?  
My safety cometh from the Lord,  
who heav'n and earth hath made.

Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will  
He slumber that thee keeps.  
Behold, He that keeps Israel,  
He slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade  
on thy right hand doth stay:  
the moon by night thee shall not smite,  
nor yet the sun by day.

The Lord shall keep thy soul; He shall  
preserve thee from all ill.  
Henceforth thy going out and in  
God keep for ever will.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, and is,  
and shall be evermore.

Psalm 121

## *Benediction*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

## Evening Service

### Welcome and Notices

## Praise

**All my hope on God is founded,**  
all my trust He shall renew;  
He, my guide through changing order,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,

He alone  
calls my heart to be His own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray His trust;  
all that human toil can fashion,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

Day by day our mighty giver  
grants to us His gifts of love;  
in His will our souls find pleasure,  
leading to our home above.  
Love shall stand  
at His hand,  
joy shall wait for His command.

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ His Son.  
Hear Christ's call  
one and all:  
we who follow shall not fall.

*J Neander 1650-80*

*Robert Bridges 1844-1930*

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## Prayer

## Reading

### Isaiah 9:1-7

**9** Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
7 Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

## Praise

**You're the Word of God the Father,**  
from before the world began;  
every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
by the power of Your voice:  
let the skies declare Your glory,  
let the land and seas rejoice!  
*You're the Author of Creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
and Your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
with a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered  
that the guilty may go free.  
*You're the Author of Creation...*

With a shout You rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven  
leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.  
*You're the Author of Creation...*

*Stuart Townend & Keith Getty  
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## Prayer

## Message

**Great Joy!:** Joy In Knowing Jesus

## Prayer

## Praise

**Crown Him with many crowns,**  
the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing

of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy chosen King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God  
before the worlds began;  
and ye who tread where He hath trod,  
crown Him the Son of Man,  
who every grief hath known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for His own,  
that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife,  
for those He came to save:  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,  
enthroned in worlds above;  
crown Him the King to whom is given  
the wondrous name of love:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of lords,  
who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,  
for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light,  
where saints with angels sing  
their songs before Him day and night,  
their God, Redeemer, King.

*Matthew Bridges 1800-1894 and Godfrey Thring 1823-1903*

### **Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

### **Calendar for January**

**Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service at 11am

Evening Service at 6.30pm

**Wednesdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

mainly music at 10am

ReLaunch at 12.30pm

**Saturdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**

Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

Also

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Hall

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>: Youth Group at 7pm in the Hall

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>: Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Hall

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