

Sunday 11 November

Morning Service

The blood and guts of a Christian

Philippians 1:1-11

Rev Nathan Owens

**Lord, for the years
Your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us;
Lord of the word,
receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed
by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world,
when we disown and doubt Him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without Him;
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves,
in living power remake us -
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley Smith

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Prayer



**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

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Philippians 1:1-11

**Paul and Timothy,
servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ
Jesus who are at Philippi,
with the overseers and
deacons:**

**² Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Philippians 1:1-11

**³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,
⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.**

Philippians 1:1-11

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:1-11

7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.

Philippians 1:1-11

**⁸ For God is my witness,
how I yearn for you all with
the affection of Christ
Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer
that your love may
abound more and more,
with knowledge and all
discernment,**

Philippians 1:1-11

¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Children's Talk

**Every word of Your Word is true,
they were all breathed out by You.**

**Your Spirit wrote through men
like a pen in the hand of a God who knew
that we would need to know
how much You love us so.**

You wrote it down for us forever, oh.

From Genesis to Revelation

**there's one story of Your great salvation,
it's all about Jesus, oh, it's all about Jesus.**

Shoutin' out from every page

there's one Hero that'll save the day.

It's all about Jesus, oh,

it's all about Jesus.

**Every word of Your Word gives light
like the sun that shines so bright.**

**It leads us day by day
to the One, the Way, the Truth, the Life.**

**And every time we read
You give us what we need
to grow in grace and know You better, oh.**

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Jon Althoff

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Prayer

**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!**

**Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and His word?**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.**

**Return, O Holy Dove! Return,
sweet messenger of rest!**

**I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
and drove Thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from Thy throne,
and worship only Thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

William Cowper 1731-1800

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Prayer

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**O church arise, and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our captain.**

**For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.**

**With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,
reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword
that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,
an inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross,
where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!**

**And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day
ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.**

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

Evening Service

Choose this day whom you will serve

Psalm 2

Rev Nathan Owens

**Why did the nations join to slay
the Lord's anointed Son?**

**Why did they cast His laws away,
And tread His gospel down?**

**The Lord that sits above the skies,
derides their rage below,
He speaks with vengeance in His eyes,
and strikes their spirits through.**

**“I call Him my eternal Son,
and raise Him from the dead!
I make My holy hill His throne,
and wide His kingdom spread.**

**"Ask me, my Son, and then enjoy
the utmost heathen lands:
Thy rod of iron shall destroy
the rebel that withstands."**

**Be wise, ye rulers of the earth,
obey th'anoointed Lord,
adore the King of heavenly birth,
and tremble at His Word.**

**With humble love address His throne;
for if He frown, ye die:
those are secure, and those alone,
who on His grace rely.**

Isaac Watts

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Prayer

Psalm 2

**Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in
vain?**

**² The kings of the earth
set themselves,
and the rulers take
counsel together,
against the LORD and
against his Anointed,
saying,**

Psalm 2

**3 “Let us burst their bonds
apart**

**and cast away their
cords from us.”**

**4 He who sits in the
heavens laughs;**

**the Lord holds them in
derision.**

Psalm 2

**⁵ Then he will speak to
them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his
fury, saying,
⁶ “As for me, I have set
my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”**

Psalm 2

**⁷ I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You
are my Son;
today I have begotten
you.**

**⁸ Ask of me, and I will
make the nations your
heritage,
and the ends of the
earth your possession.**

Psalm 2

**9 You shall break them
with a rod of iron
and dash them in
pieces like a potter's
vessel.”**

**10 Now therefore, O kings,
be wise;
be warned, O rulers of
the earth.**

Psalm 2

**¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with
trembling.**

**¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and
you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly
kindled.**

**Blessed are all who take
refuge in him.**

**Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression
and rule in equity.**

**He comes with help most speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to save the poor and needy
and help the weak be strong:
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in His sight.**

**He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, hope, like flowers
spring in His path to birth:
before Him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall bow down before Him
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing:
to Him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**

**In all the world victorious,
He on His throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blessed:
the tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever,
His changeless name of love.**

James Montgomery 1771-1854

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Psalm 2

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Joy to those who long to see Thee,
dayspring from on high, appear;
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news,
glad tidings of a birth;
“Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth”.**

**Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.**

**Born Thy people to deliver;
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone:**

**By Thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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