

Sunday 24 November

Morning Service

What's the Point?

Philippians 1: 18-26

Rev Nathan Owens

**All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
come now before Him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make:
we are His flock, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.**

**We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.**

**Wide as the world is Thy command,
vast as eternity Thy love;
firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
when rolling years shall cease to move.**

William Kethe c1593

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Prayer

Philippians 1:18 - 26

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,

Philippians 1:18 - 26

²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 1:18 - 26

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

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24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,

Philippians 1:18 - 26

26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Children's Talk

**Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so people can see.**

**Jesus wants me
to be a brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.**

**Though it's hard, I know when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.**

Crawford Mackenzie

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Prayer

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
greatest treasure of my longing soul.**

**My God, like You there is no other,
true delight is found in You alone.**

**Your grace, a well too deep to fathom,
Your love exceeds the heaven's reach,
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
my highest good and my unending need.**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
strong defender of my weary heart.
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
and my shield against his hateful darts.**

**My song, when enemies surround me,
my hope, when tides of sorrow rise,
my joy, when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
gracious Saviour of my ruined life,
my guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,
in my place You suffered bled and died.**

**You rose,
the grave and death are conquered,
You broke my bonds of sin and shame,
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
may all my days
bring glory to Your Name.**

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Prayer

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Philippians 1:18-26

**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.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing,
"All is mine",
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**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.
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome,
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**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.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing,
"I am free",
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**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.

**When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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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

**The Word of a King
Psalm 4**

Rev Nathan Owens

**Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise;
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, young and old from every land -
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands -
find the riches of His grace.**

**Over all the world, His people sing -
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”!**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

Keith and Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend

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Prayer

Psalm 4

**Answer me when I call, O
God of my righteousness!**

**You have given me
relief when I was in
distress.**

**Be gracious to me and
hear my prayer!**

Psalm 4

**² O men, how long shall
my honour be turned into
shame?**

**How long will you love
vain words and seek
after lies? *Selah***

Psalm 4

**³ But know that the LORD
has set apart the godly
for himself;**

**the LORD hears when I
call to him.**

**⁴ Be angry, and do not
sin;**

**ponder in your own
hearts on your beds, and
be silent. *Selah***

Psalm 4

**⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in
the LORD.**

**⁶ There are many who
say, “Who will show us
some good?”**

**Lift up the light of your
face upon us, O LORD!”**

Psalm 4

**⁷ You have put more joy
in my heart
than they have when
their grain and wine
abound.**

**⁸ In peace I will both lie
down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD,
make me dwell in safety.**

**All praise to You, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath the shelter of Your wings.**

**Forgive me, Lord, for this I pray,
the wrong that I have done this day.
May peace with God and neighbour be,
before I sleep restored to me.**

**Lord, may I be at rest in You
and sweetly sleep the whole night thro'.
Refresh my strength, for Your own sake,
so I may serve You when I wake.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Baptist Hymnal, 1991

Prayer

The Word of a King
Psalm 4

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.**

**My name is written on His hands,
my name is hidden in His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
no power can force me to depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see Him there
who made an end of all my sin.**

**Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there! The risen Lamb!
My perfect, sinless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I Am,
the King of glory and of grace.**

**One with the Lord, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is safe with Christ on high,
with Christ my Saviour and my God.**

**I bow before the cross of Christ
and marvel at this love divine,
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
to make me righteous in God's eyes.**

**This river's depths I cannot know,
but I can glory in its flood:
the Lord most high has bowed down low
and poured on me His glorious love.**

Charitie Lees Bancroft 1841-1923

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be with us all.
Amen.**