

Sunday 1 December

Morning Service

United we stand

Philippians 1: 27 – 2:4

Rev Nathan Owens

**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

Prayer

Philippians 1:27 – 2:4

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

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28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

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**29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,
30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.**

Philippians 1:27 – 2:4

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 1:27 – 2:4

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Children's Talk

**Child in the manger,
infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger,
Lord of all!**

**Child who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits
on Him fall.**

**Once the most holy
child of salvation
gently and lowly
lived below;**

**Now, as our glorious
mighty Redeemer,
see Him victorious
o'er each foe.**

**Prophets foretold Him,
infant of wonder;
angels behold Him
on His throne;
worthy our Saviour
of all their praises;
happy for ever
are His own.**

Mary Macdonald, 1817-c. 1890

Tr. Lachlan Macbean, 1853-1931

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Prayer

**Hark, the glad sound!
The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart exult with joy,
and every voice be song!**

**On Him the Spirit, largely shed,
exerts its sacred fire;
wisdom and might,
and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire.**

**He comes,
the prisoners to relieve,
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass
before Him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes
the darkening scales of vice
to clear the inward sight;
and on the eye-balls of the blind
to pour celestial light.**

**He comes,
the broken hearts to bind,
the bleeding souls to cure;
and with the treasures
of His grace
to enrich the humble poor.**

**The sacred year
has now revolved,
accepted of the Lord,
when heaven's high promise
is fulfilled,
and Israel is restored.**

**Our glad hosannas,
Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's exalted arches ring
with Thy most honoured Name.**

Philip Doddridge, 1702-51

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Prayer

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**O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave;
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high.
and close the path to misery:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66

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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

**Pray Like A King
Psalm 5**

Rev Nathan Owens

**The race that long in darkness pined
have seen a glorious light;
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.**

**To hail Thy rise, Thou better Sun!
The gathering nations come,
joyous, as when the reapers bear
the harvest treasures home.**

**For Thou our burden hast removed,
and quelled the oppressor's sway,
quick as the slaughtered squadrons fell
in Midian's evil day.**

**To us a Child of hope is born;
to us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of heaven.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.**

**His power increasing still shall spread,
His reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard His throne above,
and peace abound below.**

John Morison 1750-98

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Prayer

Psalm 5

Give ear to my words,

O LORD;

consider my groaning.

² Give attention to the

sound of my cry,

my King and my God,

for to you do I pray.

Psalm 5

**³ O LORD, in the morning
you hear my voice;**

**in the morning I
prepare a sacrifice for
you and watch.**

**⁴ For you are not a God
who delights in
wickedness;**

**evil may not dwell with
you.**

Psalm 5

**⁵ The boastful shall
not stand before your
eyes;**

you hate all evildoers.

**⁶ You destroy those who
speak lies;**

**the LORD abhors the
bloodthirsty and deceitful
man.**

Psalm 5

**7 But I, through the
abundance of your
steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will bow down toward
your holy temple
in the fear of you.**

Psalm 5

**8 Lead me, O LORD, in
your righteousness
because of my
enemies;
make your way
straight before me.**

Psalm 5

**9 For there is no truth in
their mouth;
their inmost self
is destruction;
their throat is an open
grave;
they flatter with their
tongue.**

Psalm 5

**¹⁰ Make them bear their
guilt, O God;
let them fall by their
own counsels;
because of the
abundance of their
transgressions cast them
out,
for they have rebelled
against you.**

Psalm 5

**¹¹ But let all who take
refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for
joy,
and spread your
protection over them,
that those who love
your name may exult in
you.**

Psalm 5

**¹² For you bless the
righteous, O LORD;
you cover him with
favor as with a shield.**

**Lord, in the morning You shall hear
my voice ascending high;
to You I will direct my prayer,
to You lift up my eye.**

**O may Your spirit guide my feet
to go in righteous ways!**

**God, make my path of duty straight
and plain before my face.**

**The ones who love
Your glorious name
shall see their hopes fulfilled;
the mighty God will compass them
with favour as a shield.**

Isaac Watts

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Prayer

Pray Like A King
Psalm 5

**Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!**

**Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ
while fields and streams
and hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow
nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make His blessings flow
where Eden's curse is found,
where Eden's curse is found,
wherever Eden's curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders, the wonders of His love.**

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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Communion

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