

Sunday 12 January 2025

Morning Service

Gotta serve somebody

Philippians 2:18-30

Mr Andrew Ritchie

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him
for He is thy health and salvation;
all ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er things
so wondrously reigneth;
shieldeth thee gently from harm
or when fainting sustaineth;
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been,
granted in what He ordaineth.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with His love He befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore Him;
all that hath life and breath
come now with praises before Him;
let the Amen
sound from His people again:
gladly for aye we adore Him.**

Joachim Neander, Tr. Catherine Winkworth and Percy Dearmer

Prayer

Acts 16:1-12

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. ² He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

Acts 16:1-12

³ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Acts 16:1-12

4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

Acts 16:1-12

⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

⁶ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

Acts 16:1-12

⁷ And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

⁸ So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

Acts 16:1-12

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Acts 16:1-12

¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:1-12

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,

Acts 16:1-12

¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.

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

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?**

**In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.**

**He left His Father's throne above—
so free, so infinite His grace—
emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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Philippians 2

¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Timothy

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

Timothy

...no one like him...

**...genuinely concerned for
your welfare...**

... proven worth...

**... as a son with a father he
has served with me in the
gospel.**

Epaphroditus

²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

Epaphroditus

²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. 29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honour such men, 30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Epaphroditus

**... my brother and fellow
worker and fellow soldier ...**

... messenger and minister ...

**... receive him in the Lord with
all joy, and honour such...**

2:18-30

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**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied-
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again.**

**And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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Prayer

**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

Blue Monday? New orders!

Psalm 8

Mr Andrew Ritchie

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,
O earth, and all you heavens, rejoice;
from world to world the song shall ring:
‘The Lord omnipotent is King!’**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
resist His will, distrust His care
or quarrel with His wise decrees,
or doubt His royal promises?**

**The Lord is King! Child of the dust,
the Judge of all the earth is just;
holy and true are all His ways –
let every creature speak His praise!**

**He reigns! You saints, His praises sing:
your Father reigns, your God is King;
and Christ is seated at His side,
the Man of love, the Crucified.**

**The Lord, one kingdom, all secures:
He reigns, and life and death are yours;
through earth and heaven
one song shall ring:
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'**

Josiah Conder 1789-1855

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Prayer

Hebrews 2:1-9

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution

Hebrews 2:1-9

³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,

Hebrews 2:1-9

4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:1-9

**⁵ Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,
“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?**

Hebrews 2:1-9

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and honour,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Hebrews 2:1-9

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

Hebrews 2:1-9

9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

**○ Lord our God,
how majestic is Your name,
the earth is filled with Your glory.**

**○ Lord, our God, You are robed in majesty,
You've set Your glory above the heavens.**

**We will magnify,
we will magnify
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

**We will magnify,
we will magnify
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

**O Lord our God,
You have established a throne,
You reign in righteousness and splendour.**

**O Lord our God,
the skies are ringing with Your praise,
soon those on earth will come to worship.**

**We will magnify,
we will magnify
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

**We will magnify,
we will magnify
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

**○ Lord our God,
the world was made at Your command,
in You all things now hold together.
Now to Him who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb,
be praise and glory and power for ever.**

**We will magnify,
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the Lord enthroned in Zion.
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Phil Lawson Johnston

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PSALM 8

BLUE MONDAY? NEW ORDERS!



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PSALM 8

¹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your
name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
above the heavens.

PSALM 8

**² Out of the mouth of
babies and infants,
you have established
strength because of your
foes,
to still the enemy and the
avenger.**

PSALM 8

³ When I look at your
heavens, the work of
your fingers,
the moon and the
stars, which you have set
in place,

PSALM 8

**4 what is man that you
are mindful of him,
and the son of man that
you care for him?**

PSALM 8

**⁵ Yet you have made him
a little lower than the
heavenly beings
and crowned him
with glory and honour.**

PSALM 8

⁶ You have given him
dominion over the works
of your hands;
you have put all things
under his feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the
field,

PSALM 8

**8 the birds of the heavens,
and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along
the paths of the seas.**

PSALM 8

**9 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your
name in all the earth!**

PSALM 8

An exclamation of praise (1)

**A great statement about
strength in weakness (2)**

A profound question (3-4)

A magnificent answer (5-8)

An exclamation of praise (9)

**An exclamation of
praise (1,9)**

**A great
statement
about strength
in weakness
(2)**

**A profound
question (3,4)**

**A magnificent
answer (5-8)**

PSALM 8

9 O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your
name in all the earth!

O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works
Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed;

**Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
In all the world, there is no-one like Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze;**

**Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
In all the world, there is no-one like Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**And when I think
that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die –
I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
to take away my sin:**

**Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
In all the world, there is no-one like Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home –
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow
in humble adoration
and there proclaim,
my God, how great Thou art!**

**Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
In all the world, there is no-one like Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

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be with us all.
Amen.**