

Sunday 2 February 2025

Morning Service

Being a Christian 101

Philippians 4:4-9

Rev Nathan Owens

**There is one Gospel on which I stand
for all eternity.**

**It is my story, my Father's plan,
the Son has rescued me.**

**Oh what a Gospel, oh what a peace,
my highest joy and my deepest need.**

**Now and forever He is my light,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**There is one Gospel to which I cling,
all else I count as loss.**

**For there, where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross.**

**No more I boast in what I can bring,
no more I carry the weight of sin
for He has brought me from death to life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**There is one Gospel where hope is found,
the empty tomb still speaks.
For death could not keep my Saviour down,
He lives and I am free.
Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes,
my life is His and His hope is mine!
For He has promised I, too, will rise,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**And in this Gospel the church is one,
we do not walk alone.**

**We have His Spirit as we press on
to lead us safely home.**

**And when in glory still I will sing
of this old story that rescued me.**

**Praise to my Saviour, the King of life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**And when in glory still I will sing
of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

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Prayer

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

Philippians 4:4-9

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:4-9

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-9

**8 Finally, brothers,
whatever is true, whatever
is honourable, whatever is
just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is
commendable, if there is
any excellence, if there is
anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.**

Philippians 4:4-9

⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Teach me to trust You, Lord Jesus,
help me to draw close to You.
Let me be filled with Your joy and delight,
Lord, may I know more of You.**

**Teach me to pray to You, Jesus,
please give me the right words to say.
Help me to pray for my friends at school,
so they may get to know You.**

**Teach me to love You, Lord Jesus,
show me the things I must do.
Help me to get to that place, O Lord,
where I can be close to You.**

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Prayer

**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,
You're the Lord of every man;
and Your cry of love rings out
across the lands.**

**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,
You're the Lord of every man;
and Your cry of love rings out
across the lands.**

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Prayer

4:4-9

PHILIPPIANS

BEING A CHRISTIAN 101

Prayer

**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

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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

Stand firm

Psalm 11

Rev Nathan Owens

**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders:
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was His love that held Him there
until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**Behold the man upon the throne,
the sons all brought to glory,
cry 'Hallelujah' to the lamb
and sing redemption's story.
And all creation bows in awe,
the wretch is now a treasure.
By faith alone through grace alone,
in Christ alone forever.**

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Prayer

Psalm 11

**In the LORD I take refuge;
how can you say to my
soul,**

**“Flee like a bird to your
mountain,**

Psalm 11

² for behold, the wicked
bend the bow;

they have fitted their
arrow to the string
to shoot in the dark at
the upright in heart;

³ if the foundations are
destroyed,
what can the righteous
do?"

Psalm 11

**4 The LORD is in his holy
temple;**

**the LORD's throne is in
heaven;**

**his eyes see, his
eyelids test the children
of man.**

Psalm 11

**⁵ The LORD tests the
righteous,
but his soul hates the
wicked and the one who
loves violence.**

Psalm 11

6 Let him rain coals on the wicked;

fire and sulphur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

**Why should I fear the darkest hour,
or tremble at the tempter's power?**

Jesus vouchsafes to be my tower.

**When creature comforts fade and die,
worldlings may weep, but why should I?**

Jesus still lives and still is nigh.

**Though all the flocks
and herds were dead,
my soul a famine need not dread,
for Jesus is my living bread.
I know not what may soon betide,
or how my wants shall be supplied;
but Jesus knows and will provide.**

**Though sin would fill me with distress,
the throne of grace I dare address,
for Jesus is my righteousness.**

**Though faint my prayers,
and cold my love,
my steadfast hope shall not remove,
while Jesus intercedes above.**

**Against me earth and hell combine;
but on my side is power divine;
Jesus is all, and He is mine.
Though hot the fight, why quit the field?
Why must I either fly or yield,
since Jesus is my mighty shield.**

John Newton 1725-1807

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Prayer



PSALM 11

STAND FIRM



Prayer

**Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.**

**This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath –
we stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
crowning Your blood-stained brow.**

**This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath –
we stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
'finished!' the vict'ry cry.**

**This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath –
we stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.**

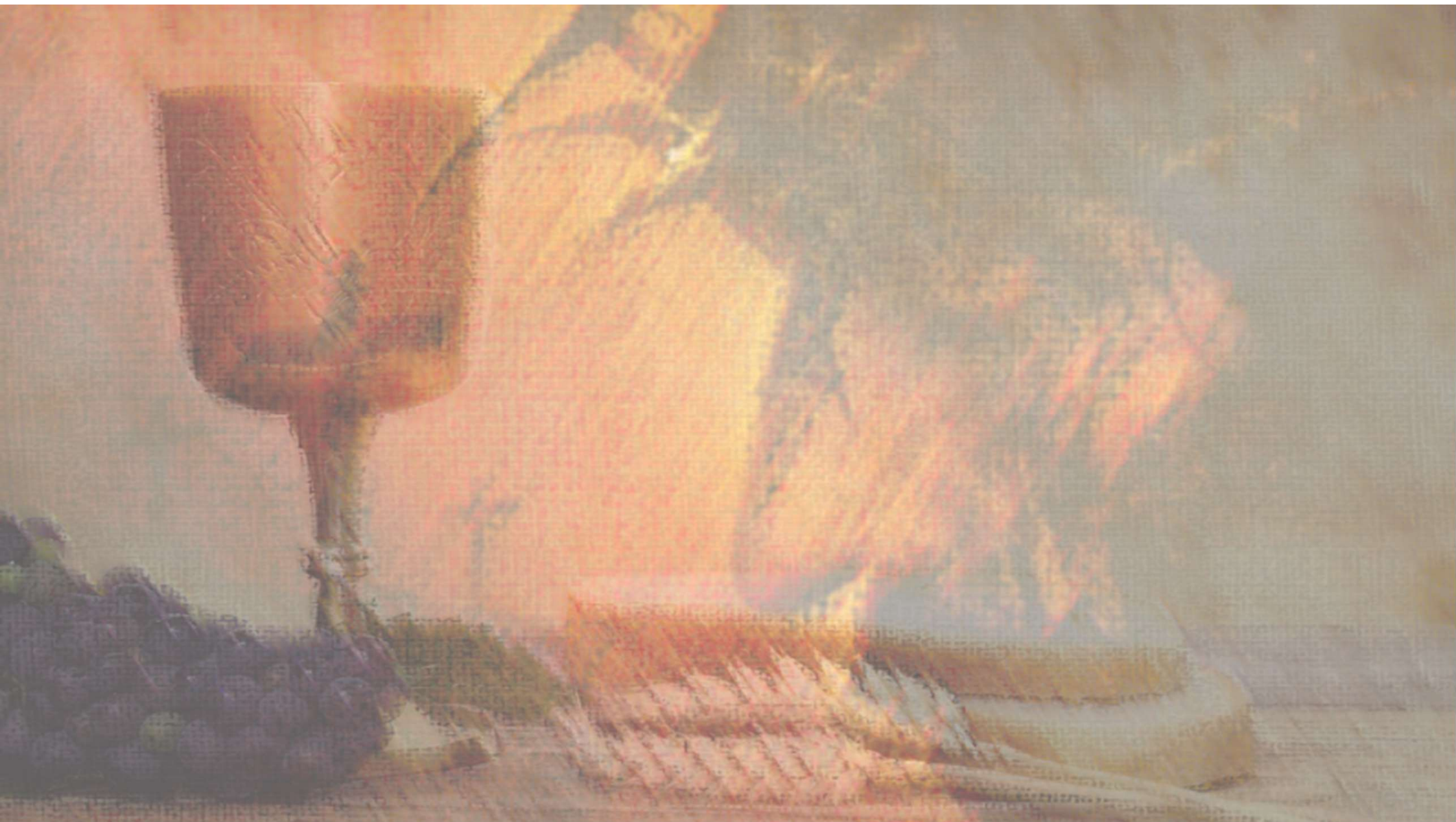
**Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live,
won through Your selfless love.**

**This, the power of the cross:
Son of God – slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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**Will your anchor hold in the storms of life
when the clouds unfold
their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift,
and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!**

**Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar
and the reef is near?
While the surges rage,
and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves
then your bark o'erflow?**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!**

**Will your anchor hold
in the floods of death,
when the waters cold
chill your latest breath?**

**On the rising tide you can never fail,
while your anchor holds within the veil.**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!**

**Will your eyes behold
through the morning light,
the city of gold and the harbour bright:
will your anchor safe
by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore?**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep
in the Saviour's love!**

Priscilla Jane Owens 1829-1907

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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.**