

**Sunday 23 February 2025**

# **Morning Service**

**What counts**

**Daniel 1:1-21**

**Rev Nathan Owens**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who bore my pain;  
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again;  
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,  
and clothed me in His light,  
and wrote His law of righteousness  
with pow'r upon my heart.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who walks beside;  
who floods my weaknesses with strength  
and causes fear to fly;  
whose ev'ry promise is enough  
for ev'ry step I take;  
sustaining me with arms of love  
and crowning me with grace.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who reigns above;  
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all  
to love and follow Him.**

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**Prayer**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>2</sup> And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>3</sup> Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility,**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**4 youths without blemish, of good appearance and skilful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>5</sup> The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>6</sup> Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. <sup>7</sup> And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**8 But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**9 And God gave Daniel favour and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, <sup>10</sup> and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink;**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king.”**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>11</sup> Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,**

**<sup>12</sup> “Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink.**

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**<sup>13</sup> Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see.” <sup>14</sup> So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>15</sup> At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. <sup>16</sup> So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>17</sup> As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>18</sup> At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**19 And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>20</sup> And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.**

## Daniel 1:1-21

**<sup>21</sup> And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.**

# Children's Talk

**Come follow Jesus, He's 'The Champion',  
we're on the winning side.**

**He is our trainer, coach and captain,  
the Bible is our guide.**

**He took our place because He loves us,  
He takes our sins away.  
Where He leads us we will follow,  
what He says, we will obey.**

**We want to live and work for Jesus,  
our Saviour and our King.**

**We want to give our best to serve Him.  
To us He's everything.**

**He died so we could be forgiven,  
by faith we've been made new.  
Oh, His love is so amazing,  
won't you come and follow Him too?**

Joan Crooks

**Prayer**

**Who else commands  
all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make  
every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper  
and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.**

**What other beauty  
demands such praises?**

**What other splendour  
outshines the sun?**

**What other majesty rules with justice?**

**Only a Holy God.**

**Come and behold Him,  
the One and the Only.**

**Cry out, sing holy  
forever a Holy God.**

**Come and worship the Holy God.**

**What other glory consumes like fire?**

**What other power  
can raise the dead?**

**What other name  
remains undefeated?**

**Only a Holy God.**

**Come and behold Him,  
the One and the Only.**

**Cry out, sing holy  
forever a Holy God.**

**Come and worship the Holy God.**

**Who else could rescue me  
from my failing?**

**Who else would offer His only Son?**

**Who else invites me  
to call Him Father?**

**Only a Holy God,  
only my Holy God.**

**Come and behold Him,  
the One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy  
forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.**

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**Prayer**



# DANIEL

## *What Counts*

1:1-21

**Prayer**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not.**

**Thy compassions they fail not,  
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter,  
and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Thomas O Chisholm 1866-1923**

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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 disease and the remedy**

**Psalm 14**

**Rev Nathan Owens**

**From heaven You came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, Your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give Your life that we might live.**

**This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.**

**There in the garden of tears  
my heavy load He chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
“Yet not My will, but Yours” He said.**

**This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.**

**Come see His hands and His feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.**

**This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.**

**So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone Him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.**

**This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.**

**Graham Kendrick 1983**

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**Prayer**

## **Psalm 14**

**The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."**

**They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.**

## **Psalm 14**

**<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down  
from heaven on the  
children of man,  
to see if there are any  
who understand,  
who seek after God.**

## Psalm 14

**<sup>3</sup> They have all turned  
aside; together they  
have become corrupt;  
there is none who does  
good,  
not even one.**

## Psalm 14

**4 Have they  
no knowledge, all the  
evildoers  
who eat up my people  
as they eat bread  
and do not call upon  
the LORD?**

## Psalm 14

<sup>5</sup> There they are in great  
terror,

for God is with the  
generation of the  
righteous.

<sup>6</sup> You would shame the  
plans of the poor,

but the LORD is  
his refuge.

## **Psalm 14**

**<sup>7</sup> Oh, that salvation for  
Israel would come out of  
Zion!**

**When the LORD restores  
the fortunes of his  
people,**

**let Jacob rejoice, let  
Israel be glad.**

**There is a fountain filled with blood  
drawn from Immanuel's veins:  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see  
that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.**

**Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
shall ever lose its power  
till all the ransomed Church of God  
be saved, to sin no more.**

**E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.**

**Then, in a nobler, sweeter song,  
I'll sing Thy power to save,  
when this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
lies silent in the grave.**

**Lord, I believe Thou hast prepared,  
unworthy though I be,  
for me a blood bought free reward,  
a golden harp for me;**

**'Tis strung and tuned for endless years,  
and formed, by power divine,  
to sound in God the Father's ears  
no other name but Thine.**

**William Cowper 1731-1800**

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**Prayer**



# PSALM 14

THE DISEASE & THE REMEDY



**Prayer**

**Come, Thou Almighty King,  
help us Thy Name to sing,  
help us to praise:  
Father all-glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days!**

**Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
gird on Thy mighty sword,  
our prayers attend;  
come, and Thy people bless,  
and give Thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend!**

**Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour:  
Thou, who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power!**

**To the great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore:  
His sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore!**

*Anonymous c.1757*

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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.**