

Sunday 2 March 2025

Morning Service

**Sweet dreams aren't made of this
Daniel 2:1-49**

Rev Nathan Owens

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us Your humble dwelling,
all Your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, You are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with Your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.**

**Breathe on us Your loving Spirit;
every troubled heart be blessed:
let us all in You inherit,
let us find Your promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all Your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more Your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve You as Your hosts above,
pray, and praise You, without ceasing,
glory in Your perfect love.**

**Finish then Your new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Your great salvation,
perfect in eternity,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before You,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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Prayer

Daniel 2:1-49

In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.

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² Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

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³ And the king said to them, “I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.”

⁴ Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live for ever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.”

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⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins.

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6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honour. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation.”

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⁷ They answered a second time and said, “Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation.” ⁸ The king answered and said, “I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the word from me is firm—

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9 if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation.”

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¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king and said, “There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean.

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¹¹ The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

¹² Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed.

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¹³ So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

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¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.

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¹⁵ He declared to Arioch, the king's captain, "Why is the decree of the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel. ¹⁶ And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king.

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17 Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

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¹⁸ and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

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¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

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2¹ He changes times and seasons;

he removes kings and sets up kings;

he gives wisdom to the wise

and knowledge to those who have understanding;

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**22 he reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with him.**

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²³ To you, O God of my fathers,

I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might,

and have now made known to me what we asked of you,

for you have made known to us the king's matter.”

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²⁴ Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation.”

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25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation."

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26 The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?”

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27 Daniel answered the king and said, “No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked,

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28 but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:

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29 To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be.

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³⁰ But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

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31 “You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening.

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³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

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³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

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³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found.

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But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ “This was the dream.

Now we will tell the king its interpretation.

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³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory,

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³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold.

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³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

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⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.

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41 And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.

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42 And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle.

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43 As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.

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44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever,

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45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this.

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The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

⁴⁶ Then King

Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him.

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47 The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.”

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48 Then the king gave Daniel high honours and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

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49 Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.

Children's Talk

**Every word of Your Word is true,
they were all breathed out by You.**

**Your Spirit wrote through men
like a pen in the hand of a God who knew
that we would need to know
how much You love us so.**

You wrote it down for us forever, oh.

From Genesis to Revelation

**there's one story of Your great salvation,
it's all about Jesus, oh, it's all about Jesus.**

Shoutin' out from every page

there's one Hero that'll save the day.

It's all about Jesus, oh,

it's all about Jesus.

**Every word of Your Word gives light
like the sun that shines so bright.**

**It leads us day by day
to the One, the Way, the Truth, the Life.**

**And every time we read
You give us what we need
to grow in grace and know You better, oh.**

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Jon Althoff

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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

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us - and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you - eat and remember
the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond, and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.**

**As we share in His suffering
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.**

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**Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**

**'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for He was slain for us.'**

**Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever Thine.**

**Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift Thy glories high,
and speak Thine endless praise.**

**The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of Him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.**

Isaac Watts 1674 – 1748

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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

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Psalm 15

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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Psalm 15

**O LORD, who shall sojourn
in your tent?**

**Who shall dwell on
your holy hill?**

**² He who walks
blamelessly and does
what is right**

**and speaks truth in his
heart;**

Psalm 15

**3 who does not slander
with his tongue
and does no evil to his
neighbour,
nor takes up a
reproach against his
friend;**

Psalm 15

**4 in whose eyes a vile
person is despised,
but who honours those
who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own
hurt and does not
change;**

Psalm 15

**⁵ who does not put out his
money at interest
and does not take a
bribe against the
innocent.
He who does these things
shall never be moved.**

**Jesus Christ, I think upon Your Sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.**

Many times

**I've wondered at Your gift of life
and I'm in that place once again,
I'm in that place once again.**

**And once again I look upon
the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy
and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You,
once again I pour out my life.**

**Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens,
where one day I'll bow.**

**But for now I marvel at this saving grace
and I'm full of praise once again,
I'm full of praise once again.**

**And once again I look upon
the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy
and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You,
once again I pour out my life.**

Matt Redman

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PSALM 15

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE



Prayer

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight,
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness,
lost in His love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

Frances van Alstyne 1820-1919
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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.**