

**Sunday 23 March 2025**

# **Morning Service**

**Vision Sunday**  
**Rev Nathan Owens**



# VISION SUNDAY

**The earth belongs unto the Lord,  
and all that it contains;  
the world that is inhabited,  
and all that there remains.  
For the foundations thereof  
He on the seas did lay,  
and He hath it established  
upon the floods to stay.**

**Who is the man that shall ascend  
into the hill of God?**

**Or who within His holy place  
shall have a firm abode?**

**Whose hands are clean,  
whose heart is pure**

**and unto vanity**

**who hath not lifted up his soul,  
nor sworn deceitfully.**

**He from th'Eternal shall receive  
the blessing him upon,  
and righteousness, ev'n from the God  
of his salvation.**

**This is the generation  
that after Him enquire,  
O Jacob, who do seek Thy face  
with their whole heart's desire.**

**Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;  
ye doors that last for aye,  
be lifted up that so the King  
of glory enter may.**

***(Men)* But who of glory is the King?**

***(Women)* The mighty Lord is this;**

***(All)* Ev'n that same Lord, that great in might  
and strong in battle is.**

**Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,  
doors that do last for aye,  
be lifted up, that so the King  
of glory enter may.**

**(Men) But who is he that is the King,  
(Women) the King of glory? who is this?  
(All) The Lord of hosts, and none but He,  
the King of glory is.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**  
**Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**Psalm 24**

**Baptisms**

**New Members**

**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.**

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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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Heat

**Facing a task unfinished,  
that drives us to our knees,  
a need that, undiminished,  
rebukes our slothful ease.**

**We who rejoice to know Thee,  
renew before Thy throne  
the solemn pledge we owe Thee,  
to go and make Thee known.**

**Where other lords beside Thee  
hold their unhindered sway,  
where forces that defied Thee  
defy Thee still today.**

**With none to heed their crying  
for life, and love, and light,  
unnumbered souls are dying,  
and pass into the night.**

**We go to all the world,  
with kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save  
but Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**We bear the torch, that flaming,  
fell from the hands of those  
who gave their lives, proclaiming  
that Jesus died and rose.**

**Ours is the same commission,  
the same glad message ours,  
fired by the same ambition,  
to Thee we yield our powers.**

**We go to all the world,  
with kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save  
but Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**○ Father who sustained them,  
○ Spirit who inspired,  
Saviour, whose love constrained them  
to toil with zeal untired,  
from cowardice defend us,  
from lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us,  
to labour for Thy sake.**

**We go to all the world,  
His kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save  
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**Frank Houghton (1894 – 1972)**

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# VISION SUNDAY

Clarity

**'Jesus is Lord'**

**the cry that echoes through creation:  
resplendent power, eternal word, our rock.**

**The Son of God,**

**the King whose glory fills the heavens,  
yet bids us come to taste this living bread.**

**Jesus is Lord,  
whose word sustains the stars and planets,  
yet in His wisdom, laid aside His crown.**

**Jesus the man,  
who washed our feet,  
who bore our suffering,  
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.**

**Jesus is Lord,  
the tomb is gloriously empty!  
Not even death  
could crush this King of love!  
The price is paid,  
the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,  
and we can run into the arms of God.**

**'Jesus is Lord', a shout of joy,  
a cry of anguish,  
as He returns and every knee bows low.  
Then every eye  
and every heart will see His glory,  
the judge of all will take His children home.**

**Stuart Townend and Keith Getty**

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# VISION SUNDAY

Output

**O for a thousand tongues, to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of Thy Name.**

**Jesus! the Name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and, listening to His voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**Glory to God, and praise, and love  
be ever, ever given  
be ever, ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.**

**Charles Wesley 1707-88**

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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**

**The most pressing question**

**Psalm 17**

**Rev Nathan Owens**

**Meekness and majesty,  
manhood and deity,  
in perfect harmony,  
the man who is God:  
Lord of eternity  
dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility  
and washes our feet.**

**Oh, what a mystery,  
meekness and majesty:  
bow down and worship,  
for this is your God, this is your God.**

**Father's pure radiance,  
perfect in innocence  
yet learns obedience  
to death on a cross:  
suffering to give us life,  
conquering through sacrifice;  
and, as they crucify  
prays "Father, forgive".**

**Oh, what a mystery,  
meekness and majesty:  
bow down and worship,  
for this is your God, this is your God.**

**Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible,  
love indestructible  
in frailty appears.**

**Lord of infinity,  
stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity  
to the heights of His throne.**

**Oh, what a mystery,  
meekness and majesty:  
bow down and worship,  
for this is your God, this is your God.**

**Graham Kendrick**

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**Prayer**

## **Psalm 17**

**Hear a just cause,  
O LORD; attend to my cry!  
Give ear to my prayer  
from lips free of deceit!  
2 From your presence let  
my vindication come!  
Let your eyes behold  
the right!**

## Psalm 17

**<sup>3</sup> You have tried my  
heart, you have visited  
me by night,  
you have tested me,  
and you will find nothing;  
I have purposed that  
my mouth will not  
transgress.**

## **Psalm 17**

**4 With regard to the works  
of man, by the word of  
your lips**

**I have avoided the  
ways of the violent.**

**5 My steps have held fast  
to your paths;  
my feet have not  
slipped.**

## Psalm 17

**6 I call upon you, for you  
will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me;  
hear my words.**

**7 Wondrously show your  
steadfast love,  
O Saviour of those who  
seek refuge  
from their adversaries  
at your right hand.**

## Psalm 17

**8 Keep me as the apple  
of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow  
of your wings,  
9 from the wicked who do  
me violence,  
my deadly enemies  
who surround me.**

## **Psalm 17**

**<sup>10</sup> They close their hearts  
to pity;**

**with their mouths  
they speak arrogantly.**

**<sup>11</sup> They have now  
surrounded our steps;  
they set their eyes  
to cast us to the ground.**

## **Psalm 17**

**<sup>12</sup> He is like a lion eager  
to tear,  
as a young lion lurking  
in ambush.**

**<sup>13</sup> Arise, O LORD! Confront  
him, subdue him!**

**Deliver my soul from  
the wicked by your  
sword,**

## **Psalm 17**

**<sup>14</sup> from men by your  
hand, O LORD,  
from men of the world  
whose portion is in this  
life.  
You fill their womb with  
treasure;**

## **Psalm 17**

**they are satisfied  
with children,  
and they leave their  
abundance to their  
infants.**

## Psalm 17

**<sup>15</sup> As for me, I shall  
behold your face in  
righteousness;  
when I awake, I shall  
be satisfied with your  
likeness.**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
greatest treasure of my longing soul.  
My God, like You there is no other,  
true delight is found in You alone.**

**Your grace, a well too deep to fathom,  
Your love exceeds the heaven's reach,  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,  
my highest good and my unending need.**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
strong defender of my weary heart.  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
and my shield against his hateful darts.**

**My song, when enemies surround me,  
my hope, when tides of sorrow rise,  
my joy, when trials are abounding,  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
gracious Saviour of my ruined life,  
my guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,  
in my place You suffered bled and died.**

**You rose,  
the grave and death are conquered,  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame,  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
may all my days  
bring glory to Your Name.**

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**Prayer**



# PSALM 17

THE MOST PRESSING QUESTION



**Prayer**

**My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust my sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness seems to veil His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood,  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**Edward Mote 1797-1874**

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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.**