

Sunday 30 March 2025

Morning Service

Salvation belongs to our God

Daniel 4

Rev Nathan Owens

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most holy, most glorious,
the Ancient of days,
almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
You rule us in might;
Your justice like mountains
high soaring above
Your clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.**

**To all, life You give, Lord,
to both great and small,
in all life You live, Lord,
the true life of all:
we blossom and flourish,
uncertain and frail;
we wither and perish, but You never fail.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;
Your angels adore You,
all veiling their sight;
but of all Your rich graces, Lord,
this grace impart,
take the veil from our faces,
the veil from our heart.**

**Our praise we would render,
O Father, to You,
whom only the splendour
of light hides from view;
and so let Your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story,
Your Christ to the heart.**

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Prayer

Daniel 4

King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you! ² It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

Daniel 4

**³ How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!
His kingdom is an
everlasting kingdom,
and his dominion
endures from generation
to generation.**

Daniel 4

⁴ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace. ⁵ I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay in bed the fancies and the visions of my head alarmed me.

Daniel 4

6 So I made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

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⁷ Then the magicians, the enchanter, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not make known to me its interpretation.

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⁸ At last Daniel came in before me—he who was named Belteshazzar after the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods—and I told him the dream, saying,

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9 “O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, tell me the visions of my dream that I saw and their interpretation.

Daniel 4

¹⁰ The visions of my head as I lay in bed were these: I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great. ¹¹ The tree grew and became strong, and its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth.

Daniel 4

¹² Its leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the heavens lived in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.

Daniel 4

¹³ “I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven. ¹⁴ He proclaimed aloud and said thus: ‘Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.

Daniel 4

Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵ But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven.

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Let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. ¹⁶ Let his mind be changed from a man's, and let a beast's mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him.

Daniel 4

¹⁷ The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.'

Daniel 4

¹⁸ This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. And you, O Belshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation, but you are able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”

Daniel 4

19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belshazzar, was dismayed for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and said, “Belshazzar, let not the dream or the interpretation alarm you.”

Daniel 4

Belteshazzar answered and said, “My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies! ²⁰ The tree you saw, which grew and became strong, so that its top reached to heaven,

Daniel 4

and it was visible to the end of the whole earth, ²¹ whose leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which was food for all, under which beasts of the field found shade, and in whose branches the birds of the heavens lived—

Daniel 4

²² it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong. Your greatness has grown and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth. ²³ And because the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying,

Daniel 4

'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field, and let him be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field,

Daniel 4

**till seven periods of time
pass over him', ²⁴ this is the
interpretation, O king: It is
a decree of the Most High,
which has come upon my
lord the king, ²⁵ that you
shall be driven from
among men, and your
dwelling shall be with the
beasts of the field.**

Daniel 4

You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.

Daniel 4

26 And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be confirmed for you from the time that you know that Heaven rules.

27 Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you:

Daniel 4

break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

Daniel 4

28 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon,

Daniel 4

³⁰ and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?”

³¹ While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven,

Daniel 4

**“O King Nebuchadnezzar,
to you it is spoken: The
kingdom has departed
from you, ³² and you shall
be driven from among
men, and your dwelling
shall be with the beasts of
the field.**

Daniel 4

And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.”

Daniel 4

³³ Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.

Daniel 4

³⁴ At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honoured him who lives for ever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,

Daniel 4

**and his kingdom
endures from generation
to generation;
³⁵ all the inhabitants of the
earth are accounted as
nothing,
and he does according
to his will among the host
of heaven**

Daniel 4

**and among the
inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his
hand**

**or say to him, “What
have you done?”**

Daniel 4

36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendour returned to me. My counsellors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me.

Daniel 4

**37 Now I,
Nebuchadnezzar, praise
and extol and honour
the King of heaven, for all
his works are right and his
ways are just; and those
who walk in pride he is
able to humble.**

**Jesus is greater than the greatest heroes,
Jesus is closer than the closest friends,
He came from heaven and He died to save us,
to show us love that never ends.**

**Son of God,
and the Lord of glory,
He's the light,
follow in His way.**

**He's the truth
that we can believe in
and He's the life,
He's living today.**

Gill Hutchinson

Prayer

**Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb:
praise and glory,
wisdom and thanks,
honour and power and strength:**

**Be to our God, forever and ever,
be to our God, forever and ever,
be to our God, forever and ever,
AMEN!**

**And we, the redeemed, shall be strong,
in purpose and unity;
declaring aloud:
praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honour and power and strength:**

**Be to our God, forever and ever,
be to our God, forever and ever,
be to our God, forever and ever,
AMEN!**

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Prayer



DANIEL

**Salvation belongs
to our God**

4:1-37

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.**

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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

**Pure drama
Psalm 18
Rev Nathan Owens**

**O worship the King,
all-glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and His love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour
and girded with praise!**

**O tell of His might!
O sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is His path
on the wings of the storm.**

**Your bountiful care
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils
in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
in You do we trust,
nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender,
how firm to the end
our maker, defender,
Redeemer and friend!**

**O measureless Might!
O infinite Love!
While angels delight
to praise You above,
Your ransomed creation,
with glory ablaze,
with true adoration
shall sing to Your praise!**

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Psalm 18

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18

**³ I call upon the LORD,
who is worthy to be
praised,**

**and I am saved from
my enemies.**

**⁴ The cords of death
encompassed me;
the torrents of
destruction assailed me**

Psalm 18

⁵ the cords of Sheol
entangled me;
the snares of death
confronted me.

⁶ In my distress I called
upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for
help.

Psalm 18

**From his temple he heard
my voice,**

**and my cry to him
reached his ears.**

**⁷ Then the earth reeled
and rocked;**

**the foundations also of
the mountains trembled
and quaked, because
he was angry.**

Psalm 18

8 Smoke went up from his nostrils,

**and devouring fire
from his mouth;**

**glowing coals flamed
forth from him.**

**9 He bowed the heavens
and came down;**

**thick darkness was
under his feet.**

Psalm 18

**¹⁰ He rode on a cherub
and flew;**

**he came swiftly on the
wings of the wind.**

**¹¹ He made darkness his
covering, his canopy
around him,**

**thick clouds dark with
water.**

Psalm 18

**¹² Out of the brightness
before him**

**hailstones and coals of
fire broke through his
clouds.**

**¹³ The LORD also thundered
in the heavens,**

**and the Most High
uttered his voice,
 hailstones and coals of
fire.**

Psalm 18

**¹⁴ And he sent out
his arrows and scattered
them;
he flashed forth
lightnings and routed
them.**

Psalm 18

**¹⁵ Then the channels of
the sea were seen,
and the foundations of
the world were laid bare
at your rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the
breath of your nostrils.**

**¹⁶ He sent from on high,
he took me;**

Psalm 18

**he drew me out
of many waters.**

**¹⁷ He rescued me from
my strong enemy
and from those who
hated me,
for they were too
mighty for me.**

Psalm 18

**¹⁸ They confronted me in
the day of my calamity,
but the LORD was my
support.**

**¹⁹ He brought me out
into a broad place;
he rescued me,
because he delighted in
me.**

Psalm 18

**20 The LORD dealt with
me according to my
righteousness;**

**according to the
cleanness of my hands
he rewarded me.**

**21 For I have kept the
ways of the LORD,**

**and have not wickedly
departed from my God.**

Psalm 18

**22 For all his rules were
before me,**

**and his statutes I did
not put away from me.**

**23 I was blameless before
him,**

**and I kept myself from
my guilt.**

Psalm 18

**24 So the LORD has
rewarded me according
to my righteousness,
according to the
cleanness of my hands in
his sight.**

**25 With the merciful you
show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man
you show yourself
blameless;**

Psalm 18

**26 with the purified you
show yourself pure;
and with the crooked
you make yourself seem
tortuous.**

**27 For you save a humble
people,
but the haughty eyes
you bring down.**

Psalm 18

**28 For it is you who light
my lamp;**

**the LORD my God
lightens my darkness.**

**29 For by you I can run
against a troop,**

**and by my God I
can leap over a wall.**

**30 This God—his way
is perfect;**

Psalm 18

the word of
the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all
those who take refuge in
him.

³¹ For who is God, but
the LORD?

And who is a rock,
except our God?—

Psalm 18

**32 the God who equipped
me with strength
and made my
way blameless.**

**33 He made my feet like
the feet of a deer
and set me secure
on the heights.**

Psalm 18

**34 He trains my hands for war,
war,**

**so that my arms can
bend a bow of bronze.**

**35 You have given me the
shield of your salvation,**

**and your right
hand supported me,**

**and your gentleness
made me great.**

Psalm 18

**36 You gave a wide place
for my steps under me,
and my feet did not
slip.**

**37 I pursued my enemies
and overtook them,
and did not turn back
till they were consumed.**

Psalm 18

**38 I thrust them through,
so that they were not
able to rise;**

they fell under my feet.

**39 For you equipped me
with strength for the
battle;**

**you made those who
rise against me sink
under me.**

Psalm 18

**40 You made my
enemies turn their backs
to me,**

**and those who hated
me I destroyed.**

**41 They cried for help, but
there was none to save;**

**they cried to the LORD,
but he did not answer
them.**

Psalm 18

**42 I beat them fine as dust
before the wind;**

**I cast them out like the
mire of the streets.**

**43 You delivered me
from strife with the
people;**

**you made me the
head of the nations;**

Psalm 18

**people whom I had
not known served me.**

**44 As soon as they heard
of me they obeyed me;
foreigners came
cringing to me.**

**45 Foreigners lost heart
and came trembling
out of their fortresses.**

Psalm 18

46 The LORD lives, and
blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the
God of my salvation—
47 the God who gave me
vengeance
and subdued peoples
under me,

Psalm 18

48 who delivered me from
my enemies;

yes, you exalted me
above those who rose
against me;

you rescued me
from the man of
violence.

offspring for ever.

Psalm 18

**49 For this I will praise you,
O LORD, among the
nations,**

and sing to your name.

**50 Great salvation he
brings to his king,**

**and shows steadfast
love to his anointed,
to David and his
offspring for ever.**

**God of grace, amazing wonder,
irresistible and free.**

Oh, the miracle of mercy;

Jesus reaches down to me.

God of grace, I stand in wonder,

as my God restores my soul:

His own blood has paid my ransom;

awesome cost to make me whole.

**God of grace who loved and knew me
long before the world began;
sent my Saviour down from heaven:
perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus,
I'm accepted as His own.
Ev'ry day new grace sustains me,
as I lean on Him alone.**

**God of grace, I stand astounded,
cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded
and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory,
where one day I'll see Your face;
and forever I'll adore You
in Your everlasting grace.**

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Prayer



PSALM 18

PURE DRAMA



Prayer

**Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but You are mighty,
hold me with Your powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to You,
I will ever sing to You.**

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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.**