

Sunday 6 April 2025

Morning Service

**Found wanting
Daniel 5
Rev Nathan Owens**

**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 5

King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand.

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² Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

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³ Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

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⁴ They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

⁵ Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand.

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And the king saw the hand as it wrote. ⁶ Then the king's colour changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together.

⁷ The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers.

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The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold round his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.”

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⁸ Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. ⁹ Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his colour changed, and his lords were perplexed.

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¹⁰ The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, “O king, live for ever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your colour change.

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¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar,

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your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers, ¹² because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles,

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and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.”

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¹³ Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, “You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah.”

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¹⁴ I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.

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¹⁵ Now the wise men, the enchanter, have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter.

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¹⁶ But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold round your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.”

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¹⁷ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, “Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation.

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¹⁸ O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty. ¹⁹ And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him.

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**Whom he would, he killed,
and whom he would, he
kept alive; whom he would,
he raised up, and whom he
would, he humbled.**

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²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him.

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²¹ He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys.

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**He was fed grass like an ox,
and his body was wet with
the dew of heaven, until he
knew that the Most High
God rules the kingdom of
mankind and sets over it
whom he will.**

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**²² And you his son,
Belshazzar, have not
humbled your heart,
though you knew all this,
²³ but you have lifted up
yourself against the Lord of
heaven.**

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And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them.

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And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honoured.

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**24 “Then from his presence
the hand was sent, and this
writing was inscribed.**

**25 And this is the writing that
was inscribed:**

**MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and
PARSIN.**

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²⁶ This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; ²⁷ TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting;

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28 PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

29 Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put round his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

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³⁰ That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. ³¹ And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

**Our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God
and He holds us in His hands.**

**Our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God
and He holds us in His hands.**

**He's higher than a skyscraper
and He's deeper than a submarine.**

**He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams.**

**And He's known me
and He's loved me
since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
of God's amazing plan.**

**Our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God
and He holds us in His hands.**

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and He holds us in His hands.**

Jo and Nigel Hemming

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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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DANIEL

Found wanting

5:1-31

Prayer

**All of us in sin were dying,
all in Adam had a share;
all our dreams and tears and trying
only deepened our despair:
in this hopeless situation,
how impossible our case!
All stood under condemnation—
none could help or take our place.**

**Swift through sin's remorseless stages,
on our way to hell we passed;
till the Lord, the Rock of ages,
found us, caught us, held us fast,
showing love beyond all measure
in His promise to forgive,
turning from His just displeasure,
making dying sinners live.**

**Jesus left the Father's presence,
taking human life and breath,
came to serve us wicked servants,
came to save from certain death.**

**Our redemption He effected
as He died upon a cross,
and His power when resurrected
gave us life in place of loss.**

**How then could we be forgetful
of the Lord who thus forgave?
Yet our hearts are so deceitful—
Lord, give grace to all You save:
let us not return to sinning,
let us serve the One who died,
He who, our salvation winning,
all for love was crucified.**

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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 splendour of the King

Psalm 19

Rev Nathan Owens

**The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice.
How great is our God, sing with me:
how great is our God.
And all will see how great,
how great is our God.**

**And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.
How great is our God, sing with me:
how great is our God.
And all will see how great,
how great is our God.**

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing: how great is our God.**

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing: how great is our God.**

**How great is our God, sing with me:
how great is our God.
And all will see how great,
how great is our God.
How great is our God, sing with me:
how great is our God.
And all will see how great,
how great is our God.**

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Psalm 19

**The heavens declare the
glory of God,
and the sky above
proclaims his handiwork.
2 Day to day pours out
speech,
and night to night
reveals knowledge.**

Psalm 19

**³ There is no speech, nor
are there words,
whose voice is not
heard.**

**⁴ Their voice goes out
through all the earth,
and their words to the
end of the world.**

**In them he has set a tent
for the sun,**

Psalm 19

5 which comes out
like a bridegroom
leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man,
runs its course with joy.

Psalm 19

**6 Its rising is from the end
of the heavens,
and its circuit to the
end of them,
and there is nothing
hidden from its heat.**

Psalm 19

**7 The law of the LORD is
perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD
is sure,
making wise the
simple;**

Psalm 19

**8 the precepts of the LORD
are right,
 rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of
the LORD is pure,
 enlightening the eyes;**

Psalm 19

**⁹ the fear of the LORD is
clean,
 enduring for ever;
the rules of the LORD are
true,
 and righteous
altogether.**

Psalm 19

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalm 19

¹² Who can discern his errors?

**Declare me innocent
from hidden faults.**

Psalm 19

**¹³ Keep back your
servant also from
presumptuous sins;
let them not have
dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great
transgression.**

Psalm 19

**¹⁴ Let the words of my
mouth and the
meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your
sight,
O LORD, my rock and
my redeemer.**

**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.**

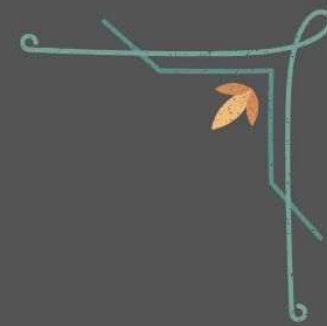
**You rose,
the grave and death are conquered,
You broke my bonds of sin and shame,
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
may all my days
bring glory to Your Name.**

Nathan Stiff

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PSALM 19

THE SPLENDOUR OF THE KING



Prayer

**Break Thou the bread of life,
dear Lord to me,
as Thou didst break the bread
beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
my spirit longs for Thee,
Thou living Word!**

**Thou art the bread of life,
O Lord, to me,
Thy holy word the truth
that saveth me;
give me to eat and live
with Thee above,
teach me to love Thy truth,
for Thou art love.**

**O send Thy Spirit, Lord,
now unto me,
that He may touch my eyes,
and make me see;
show me the truth concealed
within Thy word,
and in Thy book revealed
I see Thee, Lord.**

**Bless Thou the bread of life
to me, to me,
as Thou didst bless the loaves
by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace,
my all in all!**

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Communion

**The heavens declare God's glory,
their grandeur tells His worth;
by day and night, though silent,
their witness rings the earth.**

**The sun, a radiant bridegroom,
steps forth with eager feet
to race across the heavens
and flood the world with heat.**

**Your law, O Lord, is perfect,
its power revives the soul;
what joy and light come streaming
from truth so pure and whole!
Your everlasting statutes
impart a holy fear:
far sweeter they than honey,
than finest gold more dear.**

**They warn of mortal dangers
and lead to great reward;
keep me from hidden errors
and wilful sins, O Lord.
So may my speech and thinking
find favour in Your sight,
my rock and my Redeemer,
my Lord, my soul's true light.**

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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.**