

**Sunday 13 April 2025**

# **Morning Service**

**Surrounded, not alone**

**Daniel 6**

**Rev Nathan Owens**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty  
as all the crowds 'Hosanna!' cry:  
through waving branches slowly ride,  
O Saviour, to be crucified.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
in lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, Your triumph now begin  
with captured death and conquered sin!**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty:  
the angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
the last and fiercest foe defy;  
the Father on His sapphire throne  
awaits His own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
in lowly pomp ride on to die:  
bow Your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, Your power and reign!**

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**Prayer**

## Daniel 6

**It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; <sup>2</sup> and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss.**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>3</sup> Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>4</sup> Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>5</sup> Then these men said, “We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.”**

**<sup>6</sup> Then these presidents and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, “O King Darius, live for ever!**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>7</sup> All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction,**

## Daniel 6

**that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. <sup>8</sup> Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed,**

## Daniel 6

**according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.”<sup>9</sup> Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>10</sup> When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open towards Jerusalem.**

## Daniel 6

**He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup> Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God.**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>12</sup> Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?”**

## Daniel 6

**The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.”**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>13</sup> Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>14</sup> Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he laboured till the sun went down to rescue him.**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>15</sup> Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>16</sup> Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!”**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>17</sup> And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.**

**<sup>19</sup> Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions.**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>20</sup> As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”**

## Daniel 6

**21 Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live for ever!**  
**22 My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”**

## Daniel 6

**<sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.**

## Daniel 6

**24 And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives.**

## Daniel 6

**And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.**

**<sup>25</sup> Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: “Peace be multiplied to you.**

## Daniel 6

**26 I make a decree, that in  
all my royal dominion  
people are to tremble and  
fear before the God of  
Daniel,  
for he is the living God,  
enduring for ever;**

## Daniel 6

**his kingdom shall never be  
destroyed,**

**and his dominion shall  
be to the end.**

**<sup>27</sup> He delivers and rescues;**

**he works signs and  
wonders**

**in heaven and on earth,**

**he who has saved Daniel**

**from the power of the**

**lions.”**

## Daniel 6

**28 So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.**

# Children's Talk

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**The mountains are His, the rivers are His,  
the stars are His handiwork too.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

**He's called you to live for Him every day,  
in all that you say and you do.**

**My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing that He cannot do.**

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**Prayer**

**My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days, I want to praise  
the wonders of Your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord  
all the earth let us sing,  
power and majesty,  
praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down  
and the seas will roar  
at the sound of Your name –**

**I sing for joy  
at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You  
forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares  
to the promise I have in You.**

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DANIEL

**Surrounded,  
not alone**

6:1-28

**Prayer**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of His word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of His name:  
make known His might,  
the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name; the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might:  
pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills  
are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word:  
firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore.**

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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

**God save the King!**

**Psalm 20**

**Rev Nathan Owens**

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul He fills,  
and every faithless murmur stills;  
to God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty power has made  
is ever in His keeping,  
by early dawn or evening shade  
His watchful eye unsleeping;  
within the kingdom of His might  
His wisdom governs all aright –  
to God all praise and glory!**

**I cried to Him in time of need:  
the Lord God heard my calling!  
For death He gave me life indeed  
and kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be;  
O thank Him, thank our God, with me –  
to God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord will not forsake His flock,  
His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock,  
their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand  
He leads His own, His chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!**

**Then come before His presence now  
and banish fear and sadness;  
to your redeemer pay your vow  
and sing with joy and gladness:  
though great distress my soul befell,  
the Lord, my God, did all things well –  
to God all praise and glory!**

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**Prayer**

## **Psalm 20**

**May the LORD answer you  
in the day of trouble!**

**May the name of the  
God of Jacob protect  
you!**

**<sup>2</sup> May he send you help  
from the sanctuary  
and give you support  
from Zion!**

## Psalm 20

**<sup>3</sup> May he remember all  
your offerings  
and regard with favour  
your burnt sacrifices!**

***Selah***

**<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your  
heart's desire  
and fulfil all your plans!**

## Psalm 20

**<sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy  
over your salvation,  
and in the name of our  
God set up our banners!  
May the LORD fulfil all  
your petitions!**

## Psalm 20

**6 Now I know that the  
LORD saves his anointed;  
he will answer him  
from his holy heaven  
with the saving might  
of his right hand.**

## **Psalm 20**

**<sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots  
and some in horses,  
but we trust in the  
name of the LORD our  
God.**

**<sup>8</sup> They collapse and fall,  
but we rise and stand  
upright.**

## **Psalm 20**

**⁹ O LORD, save the king!  
May he answer us  
when we call.**

**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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# PSALM 20

GOD SAVE THE KING!



**Prayer**

**All my hope on God is founded,  
all my trust He shall renew;  
He, my guide through changing order,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, He alone  
calls my heart to be His own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray His trust;  
all that human toil can fashion,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**Day by day our mighty giver  
grants to us His gifts of love;  
in His will our souls find pleasure,  
leading to our home above.  
Love shall stand at His hand,  
joy shall wait for His command.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ His Son.  
Hear Christ's call one and all:  
we who follow shall not fall.**

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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.**