

Sunday 11 May 2025

Morning Service

How long, oh Lord?

Daniel 8

Nathan Owens

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery
in the dawning of the king.**

**He the theme of Heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.**

**In our longing, in our darkness,
now, the light of life has come.**

**Look to Christ who condescended
took on flesh to ransom us.**

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
He is the perfect son of man.
In His living, in His suffering
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam
come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfilment
of the law in Him, we stand.**

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery
Christ, the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory,
grace unmeasured, love untold.**

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
slain by death, the God of life.**

**But no grave could ever restrain Him,
praise the Lord, He is alive.**

**What a foretaste of deliverance,
how unwavering our hope.**

**Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when He comes.**

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Prayer

Daniel 8

In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. ² And I saw in the vision; and when I saw, I was in Susa the citadel, which is in the province of Elam.

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**And I saw in the vision,
and I was at the Ulai
canal. ³ I raised my eyes
and saw, and behold, a
ram standing on the bank
of the canal. It had two
horns, and both horns were
high, but one was higher
than the other, and the
higher one came up last.**

Daniel 8

⁴ I saw the ram charging westward and northward and southward. No beast could stand before him, and there was no one who could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.

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⁵ As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. And the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes.

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⁶ He came to the ram with the two horns, which I had seen standing on the bank of the canal, and he ran at him in his powerful wrath.

⁷ I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged against him and struck the ram and broke his two horns.

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And the ram had no power to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power.

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⁸ Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

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9 Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land.

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¹⁰ It grew great, even to the host of heaven. And some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them. ¹¹ It became great, even as great as the Prince of the host.

Daniel 8

And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown. ¹² And a host will be given over to it together with the regular burnt offering because of transgression, and it will throw truth to the ground,

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and it will act and prosper.

¹³ Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, “For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate,

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and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?”

¹⁴ And he said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state.”

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¹⁵ When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."

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¹⁷ So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, “Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end.”

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¹⁸ And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up.

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¹⁹ He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end. ²⁰ As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia.

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²¹ And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king. ²² As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power.

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23 And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise.

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²⁴ His power shall be great—but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints.

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25 By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken—but by no human hand.

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26 The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.”

Daniel 8

27 And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it.

Children's Talk

**Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so people can see.**

**Jesus wants me
to be a brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.**

**Though it's hard, I know
when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.**

Crawford Mackenzie

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Prayer

**As morning dawns and day awakes,
to You, I bring my need.**

**Oh, gracious God, my source of strength,
in You, I live and breathe.**

**Each hour is Yours, by wisdom planned,
each deed empowered
by sovereign hands.**

**Renew my spirit, help me stand,
be glorified today.**

**As day unfolds, I seek Your will
in all of life's demands.
And though the tempter tries me still
I cling to Your commands.
Let every effort of my life
display the matchless worth of Christ.
Make me a living sacrifice,
be glorified today.**

**As sun gives way to darkest night
Your Spirit still is here.
And though my strength
fades like the light,
new mercies will appear.
I rest in You, abide with me
until our trials and suffering
give way to final victory.
Be glorified today.**

**I rest in You, abide with me
until our trials and suffering
give way to final victory.**

**Be glorified today,
be glorified, I pray.**

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DANIEL

How long, oh Lord?

8:1-27

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**A safe stronghold our God is still,
a trusty shield and weapon;
He'll help us clear from all the ill
that hath us now o'ertaken.**

**The ancient prince of hell
hath risen with purpose fell;
strong mail of craft and power
he weareth in this hour;
on earth is not his fellow.**

**With force of arms we nothing can,
full soon were we down-ridden;
but for us fights the proper Man,
whom God Himself hath bidden.**

**Ask ye who is this same?
Christ Jesus is His Name,
the Lord Sabaoth's Son;
He, and no other one,
shall conquer in the battle.**

**And were this world all devils o'er,
and watching to devour us,
we lay it not to heart so sore;
not they can overpower us.**

**And let the prince of ill
look grim as e'er he will,
he harms us not a whit;
for why his doom is writ;
a word shall quickly slay him.**

**God's word, for all their craft and force,
one moment will not linger,
but, spite of hell, shall have its course;
'tis written by His finger.**

**And, though they take our life,
goods, honour, children, wife,
yet is their profit small;
these things shall vanish all:
the city of God remaineth.**

Martin Luther 1483-1546

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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 king of love my Shepherd is

Psalm 23

Rev Jerry Middleton

**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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Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

**2 He makes me lie
down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still
waters.**

**3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of
righteousness
for his name's sake.**

Psalm 23

**4 Even though I walk
through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

Psalm 23

**⁵ You prepare a table
before me
in the presence of my
enemies;
you anoint my head with
oil;
my cup overflows.**

Psalm 23

**6 Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the
house of the LORD
forever.**

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.**

And I will trust in You alone.

**And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.**

And I will trust in You alone.

**And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.**

**And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

Stuart Townend

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PSALM 23

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS



Prayer

**The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living waters flow,
a ransomed soul, He leads me;
and where the richest pastures grow,
with food from heaven feeds me.**

**Perverse and foolish I have strayed,
but in His love He sought me;
and on His shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with You, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.**

**You spread a banquet in my sight
of grace beyond all knowing;
and O, the wonder and delight
from Your pure chalice flowing!**

**And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise
within Your house for ever!**

Henry W Baker 1821-77

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the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**