

Sunday 8 June 2025

Morning Service

God's grand design

1 Peter 2:4-10

Mr Alex Hanna

**Come we that love the Lord
and let our joys be known:
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.**

**Let those refuse to sing
that never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
must speak their joys abroad.**

**The men of grace have found
glory begun below;
celestial fruits on earthly ground
from faith and hope may grow.**

**The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets,
before we reach the heavenly fields
or walk the golden streets.**

**There shall we see His face,
and never, never sin;
there from the rivers of His grace
drink endless pleasures in.**

**Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through
Immanuel's ground
to fairer worlds on high.**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

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Prayer

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-10

**6 For it stands in Scripture:
“Behold, I am laying in
Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen
and precious,
and whoever believes in
him will not be put to
shame.”**

1 Peter 2:4-10

**⁷ So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”,
⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.”**

1 Peter 2:4-10

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2:4-10

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**For God so loved the world
He gave His only Son,
and whoever believes in Him
shall not die but have eternal life.**

**L is for the love that He has for me.
I am the reason He died on the tree.
F is for forgiveness and now I am free,
E is to enjoy being in His company.**

**For God so loved the world
He gave His only Son,
and whoever believes in Him
shall not die but have eternal life.**

John Hardwick

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Prayer

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.**

**Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.**

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;

give me faith for what I cannot see;

give me passion for Your purity.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

**Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.**

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A photograph of a stone building corner with steps and the text "GOD'S GRAND DESIGN" overlaid. The image shows a corner of a building constructed from large, light-colored stone blocks. In the foreground, there are several wide, shallow steps leading up to the building. The text "GOD'S GRAND DESIGN" is centered over the stone wall in a large, black, sans-serif font. The lighting is bright, casting shadows on the steps and the wall.

GOD'S
GRAND
DESIGN

Prayer

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All within that holy city
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
sing, in perfect harmony;
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**We as living stones implore You:
come among us, Lord, today!
With Your promised loving-kindness
hear Your people as we pray;
and the fullness of Your blessing
in our fellowship display.**

**Here entrust to all Your servants
what we long from You to gain —
that on earth and in the heavens
we Your people shall remain,
till united in Your glory
evermore with You we reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One:
one in power and one in glory
while eternal ages run.**

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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

A people and a promise

Exodus 1

Mr Alex Hanna

**God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble,
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!**

**There is a flowing river,
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her -
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at His presence -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!**

**Come, see the works of our Maker,
learn of His deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
uplift Him in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore.**

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Prayer

Exodus 1

These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴ Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

Exodus 1

⁵ All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt.

⁶ Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation.

Exodus 1

⁷ But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

Exodus 1

9 And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. **10** Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.”

Exodus 1

¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses.

¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad.

Exodus 1

And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³ So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field.

Exodus 1

In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,

Exodus 1

16 “When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” 17 But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.

Exodus 1

¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?”

Exodus 1

19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.”

Exodus 1

20 So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Exodus 1

22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not.**

**Thy compassions they fail not,
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter,
and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Thomas O Chisholm 1866-1923

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A vibrant blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

A PEOPLE
AND
A PROMISE

Prayer

**By faith we see the hand of God;
in the light of creation's grand design
in the lives of those
who prove His faithfulness;
who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise in their hearts
of a Holy City built by God's own hand:
a place where peace and justice reign.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.**

**Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed for Messiah
would appear
with the power to break the chains
of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives
and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

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Amen.**