

Morning Service

**The pleasant lands
of God's peaceful grace**

Romans 5:1-11

Rev Peter Dickson

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**

**'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for He was slain for us.'**

**Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever Thine.**

**Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift Thy glories high,
and speak Thine endless praise.**

**The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of Him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.**

Isaac Watts 1674 – 1748

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Prayer

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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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³ More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

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⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Children's talk

**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.**

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Stuart Townend

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**Jesus is King
and I will extol Him,
give Him the glory,
and honour His name;
He reigns on high,
enthroned in the heavens –
Word of the Father,
exalted for us.**

**We have a hope
that is steadfast and certain,
gone through the curtain
and touching the throne;
we have a Priest
who is there interceding,
pouring His grace
on our lives day by day.**

**We come to Him,
our Priest and Apostle,
clothed in His glory
and bearing His name,
laying our lives
with gladness before Him –
filled with His Spirit
we worship the King:**

**'O Holy One,
our hearts do adore You;
thrilled with Your goodness
we give You our praise!'
Angels in light
with worship surround Him,
Jesus, our Saviour,
for ever the same.**

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peaceful grace



Prayer

**God has spoken – by His prophets,
spoken His unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord;
in the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor still holds fast:
God is king, His throne eternal,
God the first and God the last.**

**God has spoken – by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God, before all time began,
light of light, to earth descending,
Man, revealing God to man.**

**God is speaking – by His Spirit
speaking to our hearts again;
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast;
God abides, His word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.**

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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 painful lands
of God's promised growth**

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**Art thou afraid His pow'r shall fail
when comes thy evil day?
and can an all-creating arm
grow weary or decay.**

**Supreme in wisdom as in pow'r
the Rock of ages stands;
though Him thou canst not see, nor trace
the working of His hands.**

**He gives the conquest to the weak,
supports the fainting heart;
and courage in the evil hour
His heav'nly aids impart.**

**Mere human pow'r shall fast decay,
and youthful vigour cease;
but they who wait upon the Lord,
in strength shall still increase.**

**They with unweary'd feet shall tread
the path of life divine;
with growing ardour onward move,
with growing brightness shine.**

**On eagles' wings they mount, they soar,
their wings are faith and love,
till, past the cloudy regions here,
they rise to heav'n above.**

From Isaiah 40

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**There is a hope that burns within my heart,
that gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;
a glimpse of glory
now revealed in meagre part,
yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n;
and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
to make His will my home.**

**There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
a consolation strong against despair,
that when the world
has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!**

**Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
and they will lead me home.**

**There is a hope that stands the test of time,
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine,
when I behold His face!**

**When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
and every longing satisfied,
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
for I am truly home.**

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The painful lands of God's
promised growth



Prayer

**When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
when sorrows, like sea-billows roll,
whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well, with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought! –
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more:
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**For me, be it Christ,
be it Christ hence to live!
If Jordan above me shall roll,
no pang shall be mine,
for in death as in life,
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.
It is well, with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**But Lord, 'tis for Thee,
for Thy coming, we wait;
the sky, not the grave is our goal;
O trump of the angel! O voice of the Lord!
Blessèd hope! Blessèd rest of my soul.
It is well, with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Horatio Gates Spafford 1828-88

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