

Morning Service

The good, the bad and the ugly

Matthew 3:1-12

Rev Nathan Owens

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him
for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear,
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at His side,
and so gently sustaining.**

**Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely His goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.**

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with His love will befriend us.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who, when darkness and sin are abounding,
who, when the godless are rampant,
all goodness confounding,
breaks forth as light,
scatters the terrors of night,
saints with His mercy surrounding!**

Praise to the Lord!

**O let all that is in me adore Him;
all that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!**

Let the 'Amen!'

**sound from His people again -
gladly we praise and adore Him.**

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Prayer

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

Matthew 3:1-12

**“The voice of one crying in
the wilderness:**

**‘Prepare the way of the
Lord;**

**make his paths
straight.’”**

Matthew 3:1-12

⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him,

Matthew 3:1-12

6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them,

Matthew 3:1-12

“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

Matthew 3:1-12

9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father', for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

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¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Matthew 3:1-12

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:1-12

¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Children's talk

**Every word of Your Word is true,
they were all breathed out by You.**

**Your Spirit wrote through men
like a pen in the hand of a God who knew
that we would need to know
how much You love us so.**

You wrote it down for us forever, oh.

From Genesis to Revelation

**there's one story of Your great salvation,
it's all about Jesus, oh, it's all about Jesus.**

Shoutin' out from every page

there's one Hero that'll save the day.

It's all about Jesus, oh,

it's all about Jesus.

**Every word of Your Word gives light
like the sun that shines so bright.**

**It leads us day by day
to the One, the Way, the Truth, the Life.**

**And every time we read
You give us what we need
to grow in grace and know You better, oh.**

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Jon Althoff

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**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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MATTHEW 3:1-12

**THE GOOD, THE BAD
AND THE UGLY**

Prayer

**The Lord will come to judge the world,
rejoice that this is so.**

**This certain feature of His love
is guaranteed, we know.**

**Triumphant in His victory,
the beauty of Christ's reign
will come for all mankind to see,
His people He will claim.**

**We each will bow at Jesus' throne,
our words and works will tell
of faith or hardened hearts alone:
He rules o'er heav'n and hell.**

**Our living hope is strong and sure,
in Christ who rose to life.**

**He spoke His word, our hearts secured
and holds us through all strife.**

**We wait in joy and heartfelt trust,
and long with yearning pain.
Until that day, in prayer, we must
acknowledge Christ who reigns.**

**On that great day our Shepherd-King
will bring His ransomed home.
Where we, with all the saints, will sing
the praise of Christ enthroned.**

Peter Dickson

**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

**Bridling the tongue
James 3:1-12**

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise;
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, young and old from every land -
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands -
find the riches of His grace.**

**Over all the world, His people sing -
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”!**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

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Prayer

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

James 3:1-12

² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

James 3:1-12

⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

James 3:1-12

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

James 3:1-12

⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:1-12

9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

James 3:1-12

¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

**Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of Your tone;
as You have sought, so let me seek
Your wandering children lost, alone.**

**O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the stumbling and the straying feet;
and feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Your hungry ones with manna sweet.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that You impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**○ fill me with Your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, Your praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as You will, and when, and where,
until at last Your face I see,
Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share.**

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BRIDLING THE TONGUE

James Chapter 3:1-12



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**O for a thousand tongues, to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of Thy Name.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
new life the dead receive,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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