

# **Morning Service**

**Oh, how I love Your law**

**Matthew 5:17-20**

**Martin Paterson**

**Lord, for the years  
Your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us,  
cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years,  
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,  
the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts  
and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains,  
rebukes us and inspires us;  
Lord of the word,  
receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed  
by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old,  
for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land,  
be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world,  
when we disown and doubt Him,  
loveless in strength,  
and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless,  
lost indeed without Him;  
Lord of the world,  
we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves,  
in living power remake us -  
self on the cross  
and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

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**Prayer**



**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!**



**Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.**



**Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting Thou art God,  
to endless years the same.**



**A thousand ages in Thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.**



**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.**



**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.**

**Isaac Watts 1674-1748**

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## Matthew 5:17-20

**17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.**

## Matthew 5:17-20

**19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**

## Matthew 5:17-20

**<sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

# Children's talk

**What is our hope in life and death?**

**Christ alone, Christ alone.**

**What is our only confidence?**

**That our souls to Him belong.**

**Who holds our days within His hand?**

**What comes, apart from His command?**

**And what will keep us to the end?**

**The love of Christ, in which we stand.**

**○ sing hallelujah!**  
**Our hope springs eternal;**  
**○ sing hallelujah!**  
**Now and ever we confess**  
**Christ our hope in life and death.**

**What truth can calm the troubled soul?**

**God is good, God is good.**

**Where is His grace and goodness known?**

**In our great Redeemer's blood.**

**Who holds our faith when fears arise?**

**Who stands above the stormy trial?**

**Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
unto the shore, the rock of Christ?**

**O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.**

**Unto the grave, what shall we sing?**

**“Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!”**

**And what reward will heaven bring?**

**Everlasting life with Him.**

**There we will rise to meet the Lord,**

**Then sin and death will be destroyed,**

**And we will feast in endless joy,**

**When Christ is ours forevermore.**

**O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.**

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**Prayer**

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
there is no more for heaven now to give.**

**He is my joy, my righteousness,  
and freedom,  
my steadfast love,  
my deep and boundless peace.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
for my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing,  
"All is mine",  
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side, the Saviour He will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
for in my need, His power is displayed.**

**To this I hold,  
my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh, the night has been won,  
and I shall overcome,  
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
and He was raised  
to overthrow the grave.**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing,  
"I am free",  
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
for He has said  
that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete,  
still my lips shall repeat  
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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still my lips shall repeat  
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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MATTHEW 5:17-20

**OH, HOW  
I LOVE YOUR LAW!**

**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

Standing firm  
Psalm 26  
Rev Nathan Owens

**What love could remember  
no wrongs we have done?**

**Omniscient, all knowing,  
He counts not their sum.**

**Thrown into a sea  
without bottom or shore,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait  
as we constantly roam?**

**What Father, so tender,  
is calling us home?**

**He welcomes the weakest,  
the vilest, the poor,**

**our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What riches of kindness  
He lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment,  
His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt  
we could never afford,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more,  
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**Matt Boswell and Matt Papa**

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**Prayer**

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set Thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in Thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth Thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**Joy to those who long to see Thee,  
dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
of Thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news,  
glad tidings of a birth;  
“Go to Him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth”.**

**Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
He whose glories knew no end;  
by His life He brings us gladness,  
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.**

**Born Thy people to deliver;  
born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us for ever;  
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By Thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone:**

**By Thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

**Charles Wesley 1707-88**

## Psalm 26

**Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have walked in my  
integrity,  
and I have trusted in  
the LORD without wavering.  
2 Prove me, O LORD, and try  
me;  
test my heart and my  
mind.**

## Psalm 26

**<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is  
before my eyes,  
and I walk in your  
faithfulness.**

**<sup>4</sup> I do not sit with men  
of falsehood,  
nor do I consort with  
hypocrites.**

## Psalm 26

**<sup>5</sup> I hate the assembly of  
evildoers,  
and I will not sit with the  
wicked.**

**<sup>6</sup> I wash my hands in  
innocence  
and go round your altar,  
O LORD,**

## Psalm 26

**7** proclaiming thanksgiving  
aloud,

and telling all your  
wondrous deeds.

**8** O LORD, I love the  
habitation of your house  
and the place where  
your glory dwells.

## Psalm 26

**9 Do not sweep my soul  
away with sinners,  
nor my life with  
bloodthirsty men,  
10 in whose hands are evil  
devices,  
and whose right hands  
are full of bribes.**

## Psalm 26

**<sup>11</sup> But as for me, I shall walk  
in my integrity;  
redeem me, and be  
gracious to me.**

**<sup>12</sup> My foot stands on level  
ground;  
in the great assembly I  
will bless the LORD.**

**In judgement, Lord, arise,  
draw near to take my part,  
Your tender love before my eyes,  
Your word within my heart.  
Discern my thoughts, I pray,  
discover all my mind,  
and keep me in the narrow way  
to innocence inclined.**

**To God I lift my voice,  
His wonderous works confess;  
Let not their friendship be my choice  
who love unrighteousness.**

**The praise of God above  
my tongue unwearied tells;  
His everlasting house I love  
where endless glory dwells.**

**Sweep not my soul aside  
to paths where sinners stray;  
let love of truth my footsteps guide  
and cast me not away.  
So shall I stand unmoved  
with all who love Your word.  
For mercy sure and promise proved  
I bless Your name, O Lord.**

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# PSALM 26

STANDING FIRM



**Prayer**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight,  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness,  
lost in His love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

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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.**