

# **Morning Service**

**I am a new creation  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Rev Nathan Owens**

**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**

## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.**

## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;**

## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.**

## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

# Children's Talk

**He is born our Lord and Saviour:  
He is born, our heavenly King:  
give Him honour, give Him glory,  
earth rejoice and heaven sing!**

**Born to bring our souls true safety;  
born to bring us light and peace;  
for our sins to bring forgiveness,  
from our guilt to bring release.**

**He who is from everlasting  
now becomes the incarnate Word;  
He whose name endures for ever  
now is born the Son of God:**

**Born to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
born to banish hate and strife;  
born to bear the sins of many,  
born to give eternal life!**

**Hail the Holy One of Israel  
chosen heir to David's throne;  
hail the brightness of His rising –  
to His light the gentiles come:**

**Plunderer of Satan's kingdom,  
downfall of his evil power;  
rescuer of all His people,  
conqueror in death's dark hour.**

**He shall rule with righteous judgement,  
and His godly rule extend;  
governor among the nations,  
His great kingdom has no end:**

**He shall reign, the King of glory,  
higher than the kings of earth –  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise we now His holy birth.**

**Jimmy Owen**

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# Prayer

**Be Thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
nought be all else to me,  
save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought  
in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom,  
be Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee  
and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father  
and I Thy true heir:  
Thou in me dwelling  
and I in Thy care.**

**Be Thou my breastplate,  
my sword for the fight;  
be Thou my armour  
and be Thou my might:  
Thou my soul's shelter  
and Thou my high tower;  
raise Thou me heav'nward,  
O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not,  
nor all the world's praise;  
Thou mine inheritance  
through all my days;  
Thou, and Thou only,  
the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art!**

**High King of heaven,  
when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joys to me,  
O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision,  
O ruler of all.**

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**I AM A NEW  
CREATION**

**Prayer**

**Break Thou the bread of life,  
dear Lord to me,  
as Thou didst break the bread  
beside the sea;  
beyond the sacred page  
I seek Thee, Lord;  
my spirit longs for Thee,  
Thou living Word!**

**Thou art the bread of life,  
O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy word the truth  
that saveth me;  
give me to eat and live  
with Thee above,  
teach me to love Thy truth,  
for Thou art love.**

**O send Thy Spirit, Lord,  
now unto me,  
that He may touch my eyes,  
and make me see;  
show me the truth concealed  
within Thy word,  
and in Thy book revealed  
I see Thee, Lord.**

**Bless Thou the bread of life  
to me, to me,  
as Thou didst bless the loaves  
by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease,  
all fetters fall,  
and I shall find my peace,  
my all in all!**

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**Should nothing of our efforts stand,  
no legacy survive  
unless the Lord does raise the house  
in vain its builders strive.**

**To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
tell me what is your life:  
a mist that vanishes at dawn  
all glory be to Christ.**

**All glory be to Christ our King,  
all glory be to Christ.  
His rule and reign will ever sing  
all glory be to Christ.**

**His will be done, His kingdom come  
on earth as is above.**

**Who is Himself our daily bread  
praise Him the Lord of love.**

**Let living water satisfy  
the thirsty without price.  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
all glory be to Christ.**

**All glory be to Christ our King,  
all glory be to Christ.  
His rule and reign will ever sing  
all glory be to Christ.**

**When on the day the great I Am,  
the faithful and the true,  
the Lamb who was for sinners slain  
is making all things new.**

**Behold our God shall live with us  
and be our steadfast light  
and we shall ere His people be,  
all glory be to Christ.**

**All glory be to Christ our King  
all glory be to Christ.  
His rule and reign will ever sing  
all glory be to Christ.**

**Dustin Michael Kensrue / Chadwick William Gardner**

**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

**Christ, the whole Christ and nothing  
but Christ**

**Colossians 1:24 – 2:19**

**Mr Fraser Nicholson**

**Name of all majesty,  
fathomless mystery  
King of the ages  
by angels adored;  
power and authority,  
splendour and dignity,  
bow to His mastery –  
Jesus is Lord!**

**Child of our destiny,  
God from eternity,  
Love of the Father  
on sinners outpoured;  
see now what God has done  
sending His only Son,  
Christ the beloved One –  
Jesus is Lord!**

**Saviour of Calvary,  
costliest victory,  
darkness defeated  
and Eden restored;  
born as a man to die,  
nailed to a cross on high,  
cold in the grave to lie –  
Jesus is Lord!**

**Source of all sovereignty,  
light, immortality,  
life-everlasting  
and heaven assured;  
so with the ransomed, we  
praise Him eternally,  
Christ in His majesty –  
Jesus is Lord!**

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**Prayer**

**Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour,  
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;  
leaving Your throne in glad surrender,  
sapphire paved courts for stable floor:  
Lord, You were rich beyond all splendour,  
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.**

**You are our God beyond all praising,  
yet, for love's sake, became a man  
stooping so low, but sinners raising  
heavenwards, by Your eternal plan:  
You are our God beyond all praising,  
yet for love's sake, became a man.**

**Lord, You are love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship You;  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
make us and keep us pure and true:  
Lord You are love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship You.**

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## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**For I want you to know  
how great a struggle I  
have for you and for those  
at Laodicea and for all  
who have not seen me  
face to face,**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>5</sup> For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.**

**<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**7 rooted and built up in him  
and established in the  
faith, just as you were  
taught, abounding in  
thanksgiving.**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, Christ,**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>14</sup> by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>16</sup> Therefore let no one pass judgement on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**<sup>18</sup> Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,**

## Colossians 1:24 – 2:19

**19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.**

**For mistakes we can't forget  
and the sins that still beset  
we have a Lamb,  
we have a Lamb.**

**For our fraught and anxious realm,  
for the fears that overwhelm  
we have a throne,  
we have a throne.**

**We sing worthy, worthy is the Lamb  
who was slain for the world,  
royal arms unfurled,  
we sing glory, glory to the Christ,  
Your cross our Fountain of Life.**

**For our lost and lonely hearts,  
for our gnarled and tangled paths  
we have a Shepherd,  
we have a Shepherd.**

**For our dry and listless souls  
and our thirst for being whole,  
we have a stream,  
we have a stream.**

**We sing worthy, worthy is the Lamb  
who was slain for the world,  
royal arms unfurled,  
we sing glory, glory to the Christ,  
Your cross our Fountain of Life.**

**For regret and ravaged years,  
for all sweet and bitter tears  
we have a Father,  
we have a Father.**

**For our treks through burning sands  
to our home in promised lands,  
this hope till all is done,  
our God the Three in One.**

**We sing worthy, worthy is the Lamb  
who was slain for the world,  
royal arms unfurled,  
we sing glory, glory to the Christ,  
Your cross our Fountain of Life.**

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**CHRIST,  
THE WHOLE CHRIST  
AND NOTHING  
BUT CHRIST**

**Prayer**

**Who is He, in yonder stall,  
at whose feet the shepherds fall?  
'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!  
'Tis the Lord, the King of Glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall;  
crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.**

**Who is He, in deep distress,  
fasting in the wilderness?  
'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!  
'Tis the Lord, the King of Glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall;  
crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.**

**Who is He that stands and weeps  
at the grave where Lazarus sleeps?**

**'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!**

**'Tis the Lord, the King of Glory!**

**At His feet we humbly fall;  
crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.**

**Who is He, in Calvary's throes,  
asks for blessings on His foes?  
'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!  
'Tis the Lord, the King of Glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall;  
crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.**

**Who is He that from the grave  
comes to heal and help and save?**

**'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!**

**'Tis the Lord, the King of Glory!**

**At His feet we humbly fall;  
crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.**

**Who is He that from His throne  
rules the world of light alone?  
'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!  
'Tis the Lord, the King of Glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall;  
crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.**

**Benjamin Russell Hanby, 1833-67**

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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.**