

Morning Service

Jesus and the fast track to heaven

Matthew 6:16-18

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Lord, Thee my God, I'll early seek:
my soul doth thirst for Thee;
My flesh longs in a dry parch'd land,
wherein no waters be:**

**That I Thy power may behold,
and brightness of Thy face,
as I have seen Thee heretofore
within Thy holy place.**

**Since better is Thy love than life,
my lips Thee praise shall give.
I in Thy name will lift my hands,
and bless Thee while I live.**

**Ev'n as with marrow and with fat
my soul shall filled be;
then shall my mouth with joyful lips
sing praises unto Thee:**

**In shadow of Thy wings I'll joy;
for Thou mine help hast been.
My soul Thee follows hard; and me
Thy right hand doth sustain.**

**Who seek my soul to spill shall sink
down to earth's lowest room.
They by the sword shall be cut off,
and foxes' prey become.**

**Yet shall the king in God rejoice,
and each one glory shall
that swear by Him: but stopp'd shall be
the mouth of liars all.**

Psalm 63

Prayer

Matthew 6:16-18

16 “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

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17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Children's Talk

**You laid aside Your majesty,
gave up everything for me,
suffered at the hands
of those You had created.
You took all my guilt and shame
when You died and rose again;
now today You reign
in Heaven and earth, exalted.**

**I really want to worship You my Lord,
You have won my heart and I am Yours
forever and ever I will love You.
You are the only one who died for me,
gave Your life to set me free,
so I lift my voice to You in adoration.**

Noel Richards

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Prayer

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,
and clothed me in His light,
and wrote His law of righteousness
with pow'r upon my heart.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fear to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough
for ev'ry step I take;
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who reigns above;
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all
to love and follow Him.**

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MATTHEW 6:16-18

**JESUS AND THE
FAST TRACK TO HEAVEN**

Prayer

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count as loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
the very things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
when did such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

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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

Isaac Shaw

**Come, Thou Almighty King,
help us Thy Name to sing,
help us to praise:
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!**

**Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
gird on Thy mighty sword,
our prayers attend;
come, and Thy people bless,
and give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend!**

**Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:
Thou, who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!**

**To the great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore:
His sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore!**

Anonymous c.1757

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Prayer

Interview with Isaac Shaw

**Father of mercies, in Your word
what endless glory shines!
For ever be Your name adored
for these celestial lines.**

**Here may the blind and hungry come
and light and food receive;
here shall the humble guest find room
and taste and see and live.**

**Here our Redeemer's welcome voice
spreads heavenly peace around,
and life and everlasting joys
attend the glorious sound.**

**Here springs of consolation rise
to cheer the fainting mind,
and thirsty souls receive supplies
and sweet refreshment find.**

**O may these heavenly pages be
my ever dear delight;
and still new beauties may I see,
and still increasing light!**

**Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,
be now and ever near:
teach me to love Your sacred word
and view my Saviour there.**

Anne Steele 1717-78

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Reading

Message

Prayer

**O church arise, and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our captain.**

**For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.**

**With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,
reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword
that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,
an inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross,
where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!**

**And as the stone is rolled away,
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day
ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.**

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