

Morning Service

More than meets the eye
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Rev Jerry Middleton

**I waited for the Lord my God,
and patiently did bear;
at length to me He did incline
my voice and cry to hear.**

**He took me from a fearful pit,
and from the miry clay,
and on a rock He set my feet,
establishing my way.**

**He put a new song in my mouth,
our God to magnify;
many shall see it, and shall fear,
and on the Lord rely.**

**O blessed is the one whose trust
upon the Lord relies;
respecting not the proud, nor such
as turn aside to lies.**

Psalm 40:1-4

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Prayer

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

The words of the
Preacher, the son of
David, king in Jerusalem.

² Vanity of vanities,
says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is
vanity.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

**³ What does man gain by
all the toil
at which he toils under
the sun?**

**⁴ A generation goes, and a
generation comes,
but the earth remains for
ever.**

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

⁵ The sun rises, and the sun
goes down,
and hastens to the
place where it rises.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

**6 The wind blows to the south
and goes round to the north;
round and round goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.**

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

**7 All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the
streams flow,
there they flow again.**

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

**8 All things are full of weariness;
a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
nor the ear filled with hearing.**

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

⁹ What has been is what
will be,
and what has been
done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new
under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

¹⁰ Is there a thing of which
it is said,
“See, this is new”?
It has been already
in the ages before us.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

**11 There is no
remembrance of former
things,
nor will there be any
remembrance
of later things yet to be
among those who come
after.**

Children's Talk

**Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy,
I should come to Him.**

**Jesus said, if I am weak
I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength,
I should come to Him.**

**For the Lord is good and faithful,
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus,
Jesus, strong and kind.**

**Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield,
I should come to Him.**

**For the Lord is good and faithful,
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus,
Jesus, strong and kind.**

Jesus said, if I am lost

He will come to me.

And He showed me on that cross

He will come to me.

**For the Lord is good and faithful,
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus,
Jesus, strong and kind.**

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Jesus, strong and kind.**

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Prayer

**Draw me close to the cross,
to the place of Your love,
to the place where You
poured out Your mercy;
where the river of life
that flows from Your wounded side
brings refreshing to those who draw near.**

**Draw me close to Your throne
where Your majesty is shown,
where the crown of my life I lay down.**

**Draw me close to Your side,
where my heart is satisfied,
draw me close to You, Lord,
draw me close.**

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ECCLYASTES

1:1-11

The Meaning of Life

"MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE"

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Prayer

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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Communion

**Praise ye the Lord, ye servants of the Lord:
praise ye His name; His lordly honour sing:
Thee we adore; to Thee glad homage bring;
Thee we acknowledge; God to be adored
for Thy great glory, Sovereign, Lord, and King.**

**Father of Christ - of Him whose work was done,
when by His death He took our sins away -
to Thee belongeth worship, day by day,
yea, holy Father, everlasting Son,
and Holy Ghost, all praise be Thine for aye!**

George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1848-1934

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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

Understanding faith
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Rev Jerry Middleton

**Praise waits for Thee in Zion, Lord:
to Thee vows paid shall be.
O Thou that hearer art of pray'r,
all flesh shall come to Thee.**

**Iniquities, I must confess,
prevail against me do;
but as for our transgressions,
them purge away shalt Thou.**

**Bless'd is the man whom Thou dost choose,
and mak'st approach to Thee,
that he within Thy courts, O Lord,
may still a dweller be.**

**We surely shall be satisfy'd
with Thy abundant grace,
and with the goodness of Thy house,
ev'n of Thy holy place.**

Psalm 65 vv1-4

Prayer

**Lord we long for You to move in power.
There's a hunger deep within our hearts
to see healing in our nation.
Send Your Spirit to revive us:
Heal our nation! Heal our nation!
Heal our nation!
Pour out Your Spirit on this land!**

**Lord, we hear Your Spirit coming closer,
a mighty wave to break upon our land,
bringing justice and forgiveness,
God, we cry to You “revive us!”
Heal our nation! Heal our nation!
Heal our nation!
Pour out Your Spirit on this land.**

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1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Paul, Silvanus, and
Timothy,
To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:
Grace to you and peace.**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**² We give thanks to God
always for all of you,
constantly mentioning you
in our prayers,**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**¹⁰ and to wait for his Son
from heaven, whom he
raised from the dead,
Jesus who delivers us
from the wrath to come.**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.**

**Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.**

**Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
as You fill the earth with Your glory.**

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1 Thessalonians

FAITHFUL

1:1-10 Understanding Faith



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Prayer

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us Your humble dwelling,
all Your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, You are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with Your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.**

**Breathe on us Your loving Spirit;
every troubled heart be blessed:
let us all in You inherit,
let us find Your promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all Your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more Your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve You as Your hosts above,
pray, and praise You, without ceasing,
glory in Your perfect love.**

**Finish then Your new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Your great salvation,
perfect in eternity,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before You,
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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