

Morning Service

Why Christians aren't crackpots
Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26
Rev Jerry Middleton

**Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt His name;
when in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.**

**Of His deliverance I will boast
till all that are distressed
take comfort from God's help to me
and find in Him their rest.**

**The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance He provides for all
who in His mercy trust.**

**O taste His goodness, prove His love!
Experience will decide
how blessed are they, and only they,
who in His truth confide.**

**Fear Him, you saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
His service shall be your delight,
your needs shall be His care.**

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Prayer

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

26 For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Children's Talk

Come on, come in, everybody!
There is a God who is worthy
of all our praise – He alone is Lord.
Come on and join with creation,
let everything shout to praise Him,
Glory to Christ –
He's the one who made us.

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.**

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.

Hallelujah!

Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

**Come on, come in, all you weary,
come on and find rest with Jesus,
He is the one who can heal your soul.
Come on and join with the angels,
praising the Lamb who was faithful,
Giving His life – He's the one who saved us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.**

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.

Hallelujah!

Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

**Come on, you saints, keep believing,
gather to hear the Lord speaking.
Humble your hearts, tremble at His voice.
Come in with joy for the future,
He will renew heaven and earth,
Jesus is Lord – He's the one who'll raise us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,
bow down before His throne.
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.
Hallelujah!
Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

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Prayer

**Come, all you vagabonds,
come all you 'don't belongs'
winners and losers,
come, people like me.
Come all you travellers
tired from the journey,
come wait a while, stay a while,
welcomed you'll be.**

**Come all you questioners
looking for answers,
and searching for reasons
and sense in it all;
come all you fallen,
and come all you broken,
find strength for your body
and food for your soul.**

**Come to the feast,
there is room at the table.
Come let us meet in this place.
With the King of all kindness
who welcomes us in,
with the wonder of love,
and the power of grace.
The wonder of the love,
and the power of grace.**

**Come all believers
and dreamers and schemers,
and come all you restless
just searching for home;
movers and shakers
and givers and takers,
the happy, the sad
and the lost and alone.**

**Come to the feast,
there is room at the table.
Come let us meet in this place.
With the King of all kindness
who welcomes us in,
with the wonder of love,
and the power of grace.**

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ECCELESIASTES

1:1-11

The Meaning of Life

"MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE"

SUMMER "26

Prayer

**My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation,
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.**

**Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
I'll look to Him who hears me.**

**O praise Him, hallelujah;
my delight and my reward:
everlasting, never failing;
my Redeemer, my God.**

**Find rest my soul in God alone
amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go
don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven.**

**O praise Him, hallelujah;
my delight and my reward:
everlasting, never failing;
my Redeemer, my God.**

**I'll set my gaze on God alone
and trust in Him completely.
With every day pour out my soul
and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death
and I am His forever.**

**O praise Him, Hallelujah;
my delight and my reward:
everlasting, never failing;
my Redeemer, my God.**

Aaron Keys & Stuart Townend

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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

3-D Ministry
1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
Rev Jerry Middleton

**Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made
this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.**

**So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that
You're my God:
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
humbly You came
to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

**So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that
You're my God:
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

**And I'll never know
how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know
how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.**

**So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that**

You're my God:

**You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

Tim Hughes

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Prayer

**Pour out Thy Spirit from on high,
Lord, Thine assembled servants bless;
graces and gifts to each supply
and clothe Thy priests with righteousness.**

**Before Thy presence when they stand
to teach the truth as taught by Thee,
Saviour, like stars in Thy right hand
the angels of Thy churches be.**

**Wisdom and zeal and faith impart,
firmness with meekness, from above,
to bear Thy people on our heart
And love the souls whom Thou dost love;**

**To watch and pray and never faint
by day and night strict guard to keep,
to warn the sinner, cheer the saint,
nourish Thy lambs, and feed Thy sheep.**

**Then, when their work is finished here,
may they in hope their charge resign.
When the Chief Shepherd shall appear,
O God, may they and we be Thine!**

James Montgomery, 1832

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1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

**For you yourselves know,
brothers, that our coming
to you was not in vain.**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

² But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

³ For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

⁵ For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness.

⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

**⁷ But we were gentle
among you, like a nursing
mother taking care of her
own children.**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

**⁹ For you remember,
brothers, our labour and
toil: we worked night and
day, that we might not be
a burden to any of you,
while we proclaimed to
you the gospel of God.**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

**¹⁰ You are witnesses,
and God also, how holy
and righteous and
blameless was our
conduct towards you
believers. ¹¹ For you know
how, like a father with his
children,**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

**¹⁴ For you, brothers,
became imitators of the
churches of God in Christ
Jesus that are in Judea.
For you suffered the same
things from your own
countrymen as they did
from the Jews,**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

**¹⁵ who killed both the Lord
Jesus and the prophets,
and drove us out, and
displease God and
oppose all mankind**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

1⁶ by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But God's wrath has come upon them at last!

**May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling
all I do or say.**

**May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through His power.**

**May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking all the while to Jesus,
as I onward go.**

**May His beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the servant
seeing only Him.**

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Evening Service



1 Thessalonians

FAITHFUL

2:1>16 5D ministry



Summer '26

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.**

**When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat
yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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