

Morning Service

**Rejoice in our God-given tasks
Ecclesiastes 3:1-22
Rev Nathan Owens**

**The earth belongs unto the Lord,
and all that it contains;
the world that is inhabited,
and all that there remains.
For the foundations thereof
He on the seas did lay,
and He hath it established
upon the floods to stay.**

**Who is the man that shall ascend
into the hill of God?**

**Or who within His holy place
shall have a firm abode?**

**Whose hands are clean,
whose heart is pure**

and unto vanity

**who hath not lifted up his soul,
nor sworn deceitfully.**

**He from th'Eternal shall receive
the blessing him upon,
and righteousness, ev'n from the God
of his salvation.**

**This is the generation
that after Him enquire,
O Jacob, who do seek Thy face
with their whole heart's desire.**

**Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up that so the King
of glory enter may.**

(Men) But who of glory is the King?

(Women) The mighty Lord is this;

**(All) Ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
and strong in battle is.**

**Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.**

**(Men) But who is He that is the King,
(Women) the King of glory? who is this?
(All) The Lord of hosts, and none but He,
the King of glory is.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Psalm 24

Prayer

Commissioning of the Hepburn Family

Prayer

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness,
You give hope, You restore every heart
that is broken
and great are You, Lord.**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise.**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out our praise to You only.**

**You give life, You are love,
You bring light to the darkness,
You give hope, You restore
every heart that is broken
and great are You, Lord.**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise.**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out our praise to You only.**

**All the earth will shout Your praise,
our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
great are You, Lord.**

**All the earth will shout Your praise,
our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
great are You, Lord.**

**It's Your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs
so we pour out our praise to You only.**

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

**For everything there is a
season, and a time for
every matter under
heaven:**

**² a time to be born, and a
time to die;
a time to plant, and a time
to pluck up what is
planted;**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

³ a time to kill, and a time
to heal;
a time to break down, and
a time to build up;
⁴ a time to weep, and a
time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a
time to dance;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

⁵ a time to cast away
stones, and a time to
gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a
time to refrain from
embracing;
⁶ a time to seek, and a
time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time
to cast away;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

⁷ a time to tear, and a time
to sew;
a time to keep silence,
and a time to speak;
⁸ a time to love, and a time
to hate;
a time for war, and a time
for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

⁹ What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with.

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.
¹² I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

¹³ also that everyone
should eat and drink and
take pleasure in all his
toil—this is God's gift to
man.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

**¹⁴ I perceived that
whatever God does
endures for ever; nothing
can be added to it, nor
anything taken from it.
God has done it, so that
people fear before him.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

**¹⁵ That which is, already
has been; that which is to
be, already has been; and
God seeks what has been
driven away.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

¹⁶ Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

¹⁷ I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

¹⁸ I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

19 For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

²⁰ All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return. ²¹ Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upwards and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth?

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

22 So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

Prayer

**The heavens declare Your glory, Lord!
In every star Your wisdom shines;
but when we see Your holy word,
we read Your name in clearer lines.**

**The rolling sun, the changing skies,
and night and day, Your power confess;
but Scripture, to our opened eyes,
reveals Your justice and Your grace.**

**Sun, moon and stars convey Your praise
to all the earth, and never stand;
so when Your truth began its race,
it touched and glanced on every land.**

**Nor shall Your spreading gospel rest
till through the world Your truth has run;
till Christ has all the nations blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.**

**Great Sun of righteousness, arise
and bless the world with heavenly light!
Your gospel makes the simple wise,
Your laws are pure,
Your judgements right.**

**Your noblest wonders here we view
in souls renewed and sins forgiven:
Lord, cleanse my sins, my soul renew
and make Your word
my guide to heaven.**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

MORNING SERVICE



ECCELESIASTES

3:1 - 22

The Meaning of Life

REJOICING IN OUR GOD-GIVEN TASK

SUMMER "26

Prayer

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not.**

**Thy compassions they fail not,
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter,
and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Thomas O Chisholm 1866-1923

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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

What is God's will for my life
1 Thessalonians 2:17 – 3:13
Rev Nathan Owens

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song of praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, glorious Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore You,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea,
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before You,
You were and are, and evermore shall be.**

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide You,
though the eye of sinful man
Your glory may not see,
You alone are holy;
there is none beside You,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Your works shall praise Your Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, glorious Trinity!

Reginald Heber 1783-1826

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Prayer

**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!**

**Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and His word?**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.**

**Return, O Holy Dove! Return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
and drove Thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from Thy throne,
and worship only Thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

William Cowper 1731-1800

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1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

¹⁷ But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavoured the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face,

1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

¹⁸ because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, ² and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's co-worker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith,

1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

³ that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. ⁴ For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know.

1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

⁵ For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labour would be in vain.

1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

⁆ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—

1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

⁹ For what thanksgiving
can we return to God for
you, for all the joy that we
feel for your sake before
our God, ¹⁰ as we pray
most earnestly night and
day that we may see you
face to face and supply
what is lacking in your
faith?

1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

1 Thessalonians 2:17- 3:13

**¹³ so that he may establish
your hearts blameless in
holiness before our God
and Father, at the coming
of our Lord Jesus with all
his saints.**

**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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Evening Service



1 Thessalonians

FAITHFUL

2:17 > 5:15 What is God's will for my life?



Summer '26

Prayer

**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.**

**Katie Barclay Wilkinson 1859-1928
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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.**