

# **Morning Service**

**Frustrated Godlings  
Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9  
Rev Nathan Owens**

**His large and great dominion shall  
from sea to sea extend:  
it from the river shall reach forth  
unto earth's utmost end.**

**The kings of Tarshish, and the isles,  
to Him shall presents bring;  
and unto Him shall offer gifts  
Sheba's and Seba's king.**

**Yea, all the mighty kings on earth  
before Him down shall fall;  
and all the nations of the world  
do service to Him shall.**

**His Name for ever shall endure;  
last like the sun it shall:  
men shall be blest in Him, and blest  
all nations shall Him call.**

**Now blessed be the Lord our God,  
the God of Israel,  
for He alone doth wondrous works,  
in glory that excel.**

**And blessed be His glorious Name  
to all eternity:  
the whole earth let His glory fill.  
Amen, so let it be.**

**Psalm 72**

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**Prayer**

## *Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9*

Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them.

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>2</sup> And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive. <sup>3</sup> But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.**

## *Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9*

<sup>4</sup> Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbour.

This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>5</sup> The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh.

<sup>6</sup> Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>7</sup> Again, I saw vanity under the sun: <sup>8</sup> one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, “For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?” This also is vanity and an unhappy business.**

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one,  
because they have a good  
reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if  
they fall, one will lift up his  
fellow. But woe to him who is  
alone when he falls and has  
not another to lift him up!  
<sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together,  
they keep warm, but how can  
one keep warm alone?**

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>12</sup> And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

**<sup>13</sup> Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice.**

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>14</sup> For he went from prison to the throne, though in his own kingdom he had been born poor. <sup>15</sup> I saw all the living who move about under the sun, along with that youth who was to stand in the king's place.**

## *Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9*

<sup>16</sup> There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil.

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>2</sup> Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. <sup>3</sup> For a dream comes with much busyness, and a fool's voice with many words.**

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>4</sup> When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. <sup>5</sup> It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.**

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>6</sup> Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup> For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.**

## *Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9*

<sup>8</sup> If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. <sup>9</sup> But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

## *Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9*

<sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of a labourer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.**

**<sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt,**

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.**

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil:  
just as he came, so shall he  
go, and what gain is there to  
him who toils for the wind?  
wind? <sup>17</sup> Moreover, all his days  
he eats in darkness in much  
vexation and sickness and  
anger.**

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**18 Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.**

## *Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9*

<sup>19</sup> Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup> For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy on mankind: <sup>2</sup> a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and honour, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to enjoy them, but a stranger enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous evil.**

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>3</sup> If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things, and he also has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. <sup>4</sup> For it comes in vanity and goes in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered.**

## *Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9*

<sup>5</sup> Moreover, it has not seen the sun or known anything, yet it finds rest rather than he. <sup>6</sup> Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good—do not all go to the one place?

<sup>7</sup> All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied.

## ***Ecclesiastes 4:1 – 6:9***

**<sup>8</sup> For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? And what does the poor man have who knows how to conduct himself before the living?**

**<sup>9</sup> Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.**

# Children's talk

**Dark, dark is the valley,  
faint, the light at my feet.  
But whatever may face me  
my God is all I need.**

**Bright, bright are the treasures  
life may offer to me,  
but whatever the pleasure  
my God is all I need.**

**He is my strength when I cannot go on,  
peace when all my power is gone,  
hope, although the night is long and deep.  
He is my song for He has rescued me,  
joy now He has set me free,  
praise! Praise to my Father be,  
My God is all I need.**

**Brief, brief are my days here,  
soon my journey complete.  
But I look to my Saviour  
where God has met my need.**

**He is my strength when I cannot go on,  
peace when all my power is gone,  
hope, although the night is long and deep.  
He is my song for He has rescued me,  
joy now He has set me free.  
Praise! Praise to my Father be,  
My God is all I need.**

**My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing my God cannot do.**

**My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing my God cannot do.**

**The mountains are His,  
the valleys are His,  
the stars are His handiwork too.  
My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
there's nothing my God cannot do.**

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**Prayer**

**Prepare our hearts, O God;  
help us to receive;  
break the hard and stony ground;  
help our unbelief.  
Plant Your Word down deep in us;  
cause it to bear fruit.  
Open up our ears to hear;  
come lead us in Your truth.**

**Show us Christ;  
show us Christ.**

**O God, reveal Your glory  
through the preaching of Your Word  
until ev'ry heart confesses  
Christ is Lord.**

**Your word is living light  
upon our darkened eyes,  
guards us through temptations,  
makes the simple wise.**

**Your word is food for famished ones,  
freedom for the slave,  
riches for the needy soul—  
come speak to us today.**

**Where else can we go, Lord,  
where else can we go?  
You have the words of eternal life!**

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# ECCELESIASTES

4:1 - 6:9

*The Meaning of Life*

FRUSTRATED GODLINGS

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**Prayer**

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the weight of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
through every change  
He faithful will remain.**

**Be still, my soul:  
your gracious, heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past.**

**Your hope, your confidence  
let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.**

**Be still, my soul:  
the winds and waves still know  
the voice of Christ  
that ruled them here below.**

**Be still, my soul: the day is hastening on  
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
when disappointment,  
grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joys restored.**

**Be still, my soul:  
when change and tears are past,  
in His safe presence we shall meet at last.**

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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

**God's plan for my life**  
**1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**  
**Rev Nathan Owens**

**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.**

**O sing hallelujah!**  
**Our hope springs eternal;**  
**O 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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**Christ our hope in life and death.**

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**Prayer**

**When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
through life's fearful path,  
for my love is often cold,  
He must hold me fast.**

**He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast,  
for my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost,  
His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.**

**He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast,  
for my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.**

**For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied,  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast.  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
when He comes at last.**

**He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast,  
for my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.**

**Matthew Sherman Merker**

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## ***1 Thessalonians 4:1-12***

**Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.**

## ***1 Thessalonians 4:1-12***

**<sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God,  
your sanctification: that you  
abstain from sexual  
immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of  
you know how to control his  
own body in holiness and  
honour, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of  
lust like the Gentiles who do  
not know God;**

## ***1 Thessalonians 4:1-12***

**<sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.**

**<sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.**

## ***1 Thessalonians 4:1-12***

**<sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.**

**<sup>9</sup> Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another,**

## ***1 Thessalonians 4:1-12***

**<sup>10</sup> for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, <sup>11</sup> and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,**

## ***1 Thessalonians 4:1-12***

**<sup>12</sup> so that you may walk  
properly before outsiders and  
be dependent on no one.**

**The grace of God has reached for me  
and pulled me from a raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground,  
the Lord is my salvation.**

**I will not fear when darkness falls,  
His strength will help me  
scale these walls.**

**I'll see the dawn of the rising sun,  
the Lord is my salvation.**

**Who is like the Lord, our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won,  
The Lord is my salvation.**

**My hope is hidden in the Lord,  
He fulfills each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades,  
I know spring will come.  
The Lord is my salvation.**

**In times of waiting, times of need,  
when I know loss, when I am weak.  
I know His grace will renew these days,  
The Lord is my salvation.**

**Who is like the Lord, our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won,  
the Lord is my salvation.**

**And when I reach my final day  
He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, He will call me home,  
the Lord is my salvation.**

**Who is like the Lord, our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love,  
my debt is paid and the victory won,  
The Lord is my salvation.**

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Evening Service



# 1 Thessalonians

## FAITHFUL

>4:1>12 God's plan for my life



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**Prayer**

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

**Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
In all the world, there is no-one like Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When through the woods  
and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down  
from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook,  
and feel the gentle breeze;**

**Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
In all the world, there is no-one like Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:**

**Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
In all the world, there is no-one like Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When Christ shall come  
with shout of acclamation  
and take me home –  
what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim,  
my God, how great Thou art!**

**Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
In all the world, there is no-one like Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

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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.**