

Morning Service

**What is good?
Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17
Rev Nathan Owens**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of His word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of His name:
make known His might,
the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name; the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might:
pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word:
firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

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Prayer

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**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.**

**Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing
when the evening comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love,
and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day
when my strength is failing,
the end draws near,
and my time has come;
still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
ten thousand years, and then forevermore!**

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O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.**

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Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

**¹⁰ Whatever has come to be
has already been named,
and it is known what man is,
and that he is not able to
dispute with one stronger than
he. ¹¹ The more words, the
more vanity, and what is the
advantage to man?**

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

¹² For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun? A good name is better than precious ointment,
and the day of death than the day of birth.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

² It is better to go to the house
of mourning
than to go to the house of
feasting,
for this is the end of all
mankind,
and the living will lay it to
heart.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

**³ Sorrow is better than
laughter,**

**for by sadness of face the
heart is made glad.**

**⁴ The heart of the wise is in the
house of mourning,**

**but the heart of fools is in
the house of mirth.**

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

**⁵ It is better for a man to hear
the rebuke of the wise
than to hear the song of
fools.**

**⁶ For as the crackling of thorns
under a pot,
so is the laughter of the
fools;
this also is vanity.**

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

**⁷ Surely oppression drives the
wise into madness,
and a bribe corrupts the
heart.**

**⁸ Better is the end of a thing
than its beginning,
and the patient in spirit is
better than the proud in spirit.**

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

**⁹ Be not quick in your spirit to
become angry,
for anger lodges in the
bosom of fools.**

**¹⁰ Say not, “Why were the
former days better than
these?”**

**For it is not from wisdom
that you ask this.**

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

¹¹ Wisdom is good with an inheritance,
an advantage to those who see the sun.

¹² For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money,
and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

**¹³ Consider the work of God:
who can make straight
what he has made crooked?**

**¹⁴ In the day of prosperity be
joyful, and in the day of
adversity consider: God has
made the one as well as the
other, so that man may not
find out anything that will be
after him.**

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

¹⁵ In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing. ¹⁶ Be not overly righteous, and do not make yourself too wise. Why should you destroy yourself?

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

¹⁷ Be not overly wicked,
neither be a fool. Why should
you die before your time? ¹⁸ It
is good that you should take
hold of this, and from that
withhold not your hand, for the
one who fears God shall
come out from both of them.

¹⁹ Wisdom gives strength to
the wise man more than ten
rulers who are in a city.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

²⁰ Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

²¹ Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. ²² Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

²³ All this I have tested by wisdom. I said, “I will be wise”, but it was far from me. ²⁴ That which has been is far off, and deep, very deep; who can find it out?

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

**25 I turned my heart to know
and to search out and to seek
wisdom and the scheme of
things, and to know the
wickedness of folly and the
foolishness that is madness.**

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

26 And I find something more bitter than death: the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her.

27 Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher, while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things—

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

28 which my soul has sought repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman among all these I have not found. **29** See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

Who is like the wise?

And who knows the
interpretation of a thing?

A man's wisdom makes his
face shine,

and the hardness of his
face is changed.

² I say: Keep the king's
command, because of God's
oath to him.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

³ Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases.

⁴ For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, “What are you doing?”

⁵ Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

⁶ For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. ⁷ For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? ⁸ No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

⁹ All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt.

¹⁰ Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

¹¹ Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. ¹² Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

13 But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

¹⁴ There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

¹⁵ And I commend joy, for man has no good thing under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

**16 When I applied my heart to
know wisdom, and to see the
business that is done on earth,
how neither day nor night do
one's eyes see sleep,**

Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 8:17

17 then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out.

Prayer

**God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**

**Saviour, who came to bring
on Your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
O now to all mankind
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy Dove,
speed on Your flight!**

**Move on the waters' face
bearing the lamp of grace
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!**

**Gracious and holy Three,
all-glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might:
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!**

John Marriott 1780-1825

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Prayer

MORNING SERVICE



ECCELESIASTES

6:10 - 8:17

The Meaning of Life

WHAT IS GOOD?

SUMMER "26

Prayer

**Though the nations rage,
kingdoms rise and fall
there is still one King reigning over all,
so I will not fear, for this truth remains
that my God is the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him,
all of time in His hands.**

**For His throne,
it shall remain and ever stand.**

**All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in His name
for my God is the Ancient of Days.**

**Though the dread of night
overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone.
Oh, His love is sure,
and He knows my name
for my God is the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him,
all of time in His hands.**

**For His throne,
it shall remain and ever stand.**

**All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in His name
for my God is the Ancient of Days.**

**Though I may not see
what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.
Then my joy complete,
standing face to face
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.**

**None above Him, none before Him,
all of time in His hands.**

**For His throne,
it shall remain and ever stand.**

**All the power, all the glory,
I will trust in His name
for my God is the Ancient of Days.**

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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

Lo, He comes with clouds descending
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Rev Nathan Owens

**Look, you saints, the sight is glorious;
see the Man of Sorrows now;
from the fight returned victorious,
every knee to Him shall bow:
crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him, crown Him,
crowns become the Victor's brow.**

Crown the Saviour, angels crown Him!

**Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
in the seat of power enthrone Him,
while the vault of heaven rings:
crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him, crown Him,
crown the Saviour King of kings!**

**Sinners in derision crowned Him,
mocking thus the Saviour's claim;
saints and angels crowd around Him,
sing His triumph, praise His name:
crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him, crown Him,
spread abroad the Victor's fame.**

**Hear the shout as He is greeted,
hear those loud triumphant chords!**

**Jesus Christ in glory seated,
O what joy the sight affords!**

**Crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him, crown Him,
King of kings and Lord of lords!**

Thomas Kelly 1769-1854

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Prayer

**Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart exult with joy,
and every voice be song!**

**On Him the Spirit, largely shed,
exerts its sacred fire;
wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire.**

**He comes, the prisoners to relieve,
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before Him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the darkening scales of vice
to clear the inward sight;
and on the eye-balls of the blind
to pour celestial light.**

**He comes, the broken hearts to bind,
the bleeding souls to cure;
and with the treasures of His grace
to enrich the humble poor.**

**The sacred year has now revolved,
accepted of the Lord,
when heaven's high promise is fulfilled,
and Israel is restored.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's exalted arches ring
with Thy most honoured Name.**

Philip Doddridge, 1702-51

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**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.**

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

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

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Evening Service



1 Thessalonians

FAITHFUL

4:15-18 Lo! He comes with clouds descending!



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Prayer

**How sweet and awful is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.**

**While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
"Lord, why was I a guest?"**

**"Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
and enter while there's room,
when thousands make a wretched choice
and rather starve than come?"**

**'Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.**

**Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send Thy victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.**

**We long to see Thy churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing Thy redeeming grace.**

Isaac Watts 1674 - 1748

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Communion

**Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain:
thousand, thousand saints attending,
swell the triumph of His train;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold Him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold Him,
pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
deeply wailing
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear!
All His saints, by man rejected,
now shall meet Him in the air.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear.**

**Yea, Amen! Let all adore Thee
high on Thy eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for Thine own;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Everlasting God, come down!**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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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.**