

Morning Service

**Glad gardener or grim reaper
Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8
Rev Nathan Owens**

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:**

O praise Him! Allelujah!

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,**

**O praise Him, O praise Him,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,**

O praise Him! Allelujah!

**Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening find a voice;**

**O praise Him, O praise Him,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Let all things their Creator bless
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!**

William H Draper, based on St Francis of Assisi

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Prayer

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

**Cast your bread upon the
waters,**

**for you will find it after many
days.**

**² Give a portion to seven, or
even to eight,**

**for you know not what
disaster may happen on
earth.**

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

**³ If the clouds are full of rain,
they empty themselves on
the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south
or to the north,
in the place where the tree
falls, there it will lie.**

**⁴ He who observes the wind
will not sow,
and he who regards the
clouds will not reap.**

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

**⁵ As you do not know the way
the spirit comes to the bones
in the womb of a woman with
child, so you do not know the
work of God who makes
everything.**

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

⁶ In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

⁷ Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

⁸ So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

⁹ Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgement.

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

¹⁰ Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”;

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

**² before the sun and the light
and the moon and the stars
are darkened and the clouds
return after the rain, ³ in the
day when the keepers of the
house tremble, and the strong
men are bent, and the
grinders cease because they
are few, and those who look
through the windows are
dimmed,**

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

**4 and the doors on the street
are shut—when the sound of
the grinding is low, and one
rises up at the sound of a bird,
and all the daughters of song
are brought low—**

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

⁵ they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets—

Ecclesiastes 11:1 – 12:8

⁶ before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. ⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

Children's Talk

**Come follow Jesus, He's 'The Champion',
we're on the winning side.**

**He is our trainer, coach and captain,
the Bible is our guide.**

**He took our place because He loves us,
He takes our sins away.
Where He leads us we will follow,
what He says, we will obey.**

**We want to live and work for Jesus,
our Saviour and our King.**

**We want to give our best to serve Him.
To us He's everything.**

**He died so we could be forgiven,
by faith we've been made new.
Oh, His love is so amazing,
won't you come and follow Him too?**

Joan Crooks

Prayer

**I have seen my Father's glory
revealed in Jesus Christ
and the more that I behold Him,
the more He satisfies.**

**When I gaze upon His beauty,
when I see Him as I should,
then my eyes are lifted upward
for His glory and my good.**

**There is hope in every trial
for I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards Him
and help me bear the thorn.
So in faith I follow Jesus
on the road not understood.
For I know that He is working
for His glory and my good.**

**To our God be the glory,
to our God be praise.**

**He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
for I know His glory is my good.**

**See the open arms of Jesus
upon the cross that day.
What they understood as weakness
deserves my every praise.
For the charge that was against me,
it was nailed into the wood.
Yes, I know that He has saved me
for His glory and my good.**

**Would I gladly be made nothing,
that Christ would be made more.
Would I seek the only kingdom
that far outweighs them all.
I will stand before my Father
where the faithful saints have stood
and with joy my heart shall praise Him
for His glory and my good.**

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MORNING SERVICE



ECCELESIASTES

11:1 - 12:8

The Meaning of Life

GLAD GARDENER OR GRIM REAPER

SUMMER "26

Prayer

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied-
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again.**

**And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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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 every person needs to know
1 Thessalonians 5:23-28
Rev Nathan Owens**

**God of grace, amazing wonder,
irresistible and free.**

**Oh, the miracle of mercy;
Jesus reaches down to me.**

**God of grace, I stand in wonder,
as my God restores my soul:
His own blood has paid my ransom;
awesome cost to make me whole.**

**God of grace who loved and knew me
long before the world began;
sent my Saviour down from heaven:
perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus,
I'm accepted as His own.
Ev'ry day new grace sustains me,
as I lean on Him alone.**

**God of grace, I stand astounded,
cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded
and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory,
where one day I'll see Your face;
and forever I'll adore You
in Your everlasting grace.**

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Prayer

**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.**

Nahum Tate 1652-1715, Nicholas Brady 1659-1726

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1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

²⁵ Brothers, pray for us.

**²⁶ Greet all the brothers
with a holy kiss.**

**²⁷ I put you under oath
before the Lord to have
this letter read to all the
brothers.**

**²⁸ The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.**

**Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire;
let us Thine influence prove,
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.**

**Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by Thee
the prophets wrote and spoke;
unlock the truth, Thyself the key;
unseal the sacred book.**

**Expand Thy wings, celestial Dove;
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.**

**God through Himself we then shall know,
if Thou within us shine,
and sound, with all Thy saints below,
the depths of love divine.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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Evening Service



1 Thessalonians

FAITHFUL

5:25-28 What every person needs to hear



Summer '26

Prayer

**What grace is mine,
that He who dwells in endless light
called through the night
to find my distant soul,
and from His scars
poured mercy that would plead for me
that I might live and in His name be known.**

**So I will go wherever He is calling me;
I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all
to gain the hope that never dies;
I bow my heart,
take up my cross and follow Him.**

**What grace is mine
to know His breath alive in me
beneath His wings
my weary soul may soar.**

**All fear can flee
for death's dark night is overcome,
my Saviour lives and reigns for evermore.**

**So I will go wherever He is calling me;
I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all
to gain the hope that never dies;
I bow my heart,
take up my cross and follow Him.**

Kristyn Getty

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