# Morning Service

## Something greater than Jonah
## Matthew 12:38-50
## Rev Nathan Owens

Come, behold the wondrous mystery
in the dawning of the king.
He the theme of Heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now, the light of life has come.
Look to Christ who condescended
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
He is the perfect son of man.
In His living, in His suffering
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam
come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfilment
of the law in Him, we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery
Christ, the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory,
grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,
praise the Lord, He is alive.
What a foretaste of deliverance,
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
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# Prayer

## *Matthew 12:38-50*

**38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." 39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**

## *Matthew 12:38-50*

40 For just as Jonah was three
days and three nights in the
belly of the great fish, so will
the Son of Man be three days
and three nights in the heart
of the earth.

## *Matthew 12:38-50*

41 The men of Nineveh will rise
up at the judgement with this
generation and condemn it,
for they repented at the
preaching of Jonah, and
behold, something greater
than Jonah is here.

## *Matthew 12:38-50*

42 The queen of the South will
rise up at the judgement with
this generation and condemn
it, for she came from the ends
of the earth to hear the
wisdom of Solomon, and
behold, something greater
than Solomon is here.

## *Matthew 12:38-50*

43 “When the unclean spirit has
gone out of a person, it passes
through waterless places
seeking rest, but finds none.
44 Then it says, ‘I will return to
my house from which I came.’
And when it comes, it finds the
house empty, swept, and put
in order.

## *Matthew 12:38-50*

45 Then it goes and brings with
it seven other spirits more evil
than itself, and they enter and
dwell there, and the last state
of that person is worse than
the first. So also will it be with
this evil generation.”

## *Matthew 12:38-50*

**46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. 48 But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49 And stretching out his hand towards his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!**

## *Matthew 12:38-50*

**50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”**

# Children's Talk

Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so  people can see.
Jesus wants me
to be a brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.

Though it's hard, I know
when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.

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# Prayer

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders:
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was His love that held Him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Behold the man upon the throne,
the sons all brought to glory,
cry 'Hallelujah' to the Lamb
and sing redemption's story.
And all creation bows in awe,
the wretch is now a treasure.
By faith alone through grace alone,
in Christ alone forever.

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# MATTHEW 12: 38-50

# SOMETHING GREATER THAN JONAH

# Prayer

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us - and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you - eat and remember
the wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond, and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

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# Communion

Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great I AM, the Three-in-One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
while eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us,
washed us from each guilty stain!
Glory be to Him who bought us,
made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
to the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the church's King,
glory to the King of nations!
Heaven and earth, Your praises bring;
glory, glory, glory, glory
to the King of glory bring!

‘Glory, blessing, praise eternal!’
Thus the choir of angels sings;
‘honour, riches, power, dominion!’
Thus its praise creation brings;
glory, glory, glory, glory
glory to the King of kings!

Horatius Bonar, 1808-89

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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

# May the name of the Lord Jesus be glorified
# 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
# Rev Nathan Owens

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom His world rejoices, -
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in His grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Him who reigns
with Them in highest heaven, -
the one, eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649, tr. By Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78

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# Prayer

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,
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## *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

**Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the
Thessalonians in God our
Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:**
**2 Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.**

## *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

**3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.**

## *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

**4 Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.**

## *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

5 This is evidence of the
righteous judgement of God,
that you may be considered
worthy of the kingdom of
God, for which you are also
suffering— 6 since indeed God
considers it just to repay with
affliction those who afflict you,

## *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

**7 and to grant relief to you
who are afflicted as well as to
us, when the Lord Jesus is
revealed from heaven with his
mighty angels 8 in flaming fire,
inflicting vengeance on those
who do not know God and on
those who do not obey the
gospel of our Lord Jesus.**

## *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

**9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.**

## *2 Thessalonians 1:1-12*

**11 To this end we always pray**
**for you, that our God may**
**make you worthy of his**
**calling and may fulfil every**
**resolve for good and every**
**work of faith by his power,**
**12 so that the name of our Lord**
**Jesus may be glorified in you,**
**and you in him, according to**
**the grace of our God and the**
**Lord Jesus Christ.**

God in His wisdom, for our learning,
gave His inspired and holy word:
promise of Christ, for our discerning,
by which our souls are moved and stirred,
finding our hearts within us burning
when, as of old, His voice is heard.

Symbol and story, song and saying,
life-bearing truths for heart and mind,
God in His sovereign grace displaying
tenderest care for humankind,
Jesus our Lord this love portraying,
open our eyes to seek and find.

Come then with prayer and
contemplation,
see how in Scripture Christ is known;
wonder anew at such salvation
here in these sacred pages shown;
lift every heart in adoration,
children of God by grace alone!

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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Evening Service

# 2 Thessalonians

## MAY THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS BE GLORIFIED

2 Thessalonians 1: 1–12

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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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# Prayer

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