Morning Service

Until the harvest
Matthew 13:24-43
Rev Nathan Owens

Sing to God new songs of worship -
all His deeds are marvellous;
He has brought salvation to us
with His hand and holy arm:
He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
He recalled His truth and mercy
to His people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship –
earth has seen His victory;
let the ends of earth be joyful
praising Him with thankfulness:
Sound upon the harp His praises,
play to Him with melody;
let the trumpets sound His triumph,
show your joy to God the King!

Sing to God new songs of worship –
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord:
let the hills be joyful together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
He will come to judge the earth.

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Prayer

Matthew 13:24-43

24 He put another parable
before them, saying, “The
kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a man who
sowed good seed in his field,
25 but while his men were
sleeping, his enemy came
and sowed weeds among the
wheat and went away.

Matthew 13:24-43

[26] So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27] And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'

Matthew 13:24-43

[28] He said to them, ‘An enemy
has done this.’ So the servants
said to him, ‘Then do you want
us to go and gather them?’
[29] But he said, ‘No, lest in
gathering the weeds you root
up the wheat along with them.

Matthew 13:24-43

30 Let both grow together until
the harvest, and at harvest
time I will tell the reapers,
Gather the weeds first and
bind them in bundles to be
burned, but gather the wheat
into my barn.’”

Matthew 13:24-43

31 He put another parable
before them, saying, “The
kingdom of heaven is like a
grain of mustard seed that a
man took and sowed in his
field. 32 It is the smallest of all
seeds, but when it has grown it
is larger than all the garden
plants and becomes a tree, so
that the birds of the air come
and make nests in its
branches.”

Matthew 13:24-43

33 He told them another
parable. “The kingdom of
heaven is like leaven that a
woman took and hid in three
measures of flour, till it was all
leavened.”
34 All these things Jesus said to
the crowds in parables;
indeed, he said nothing to
them without a parable.

Matthew 13:24-43

35 This was to fulfil what was
spoken by the prophet:
"I will open my mouth in
parables;
I will utter what has been
hidden since the foundation
of the world."

Matthew 13:24-43

36 Then he left the crowds and
went into the house. And his
disciples came to him, saying,
"Explain to us the parable of
the weeds of the field." 37 He
answered, "The one who sows
the good seed is the Son of
Man. 38 The field is the world,
and the good seed is the sons
of the kingdom. The weeds
are the sons of the evil one,

Matthew 13:24-43

39 and the enemy who sowed
them is the devil. The harvest
is the close of the age, and
the reapers are angels. 40 Just
as the weeds are gathered
and burned with fire, so will it
be at the close of the age.
41 The Son of Man will send his
angels, and they will gather
out of his kingdom all causes
of sin and all law-breakers,

Matthew 13:24-43

42 and throw them into the
fiery furnace. In that place
there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the
righteous will shine like the
sun in the kingdom of their
Father. He who has ears, let
him hear.

Children's Talk

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He said the sons of Abraham
would be more than the grains of sand.
And so, His family grew
underneath the Pharaoh's rule.

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He said the blood upon the door
would keep the Israelites secure.
And so, He stayed His hand
and led them to the Promised Land.

Our God is good and true,
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this:
God always keeps His promises.

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He gave us laws to be obeyed
and we broke every one He made.
But when we ran from Him
God said He'd take care of our sin.

Our God is good and true,
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this
God always keeps His promises.

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He said His Son would set us free
through His death at Calvary.
He suffered in our place
and then He rose up from the grave.

Our God is good and true,
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this,
God always keeps His promises.

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Prayer

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

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MATTHEW 13: 24-43

UNTIL THE HARVEST

Prayer

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till sun shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns,
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest
and all the sons of want are blessed.

To our King be highest praise,
rising through eternal days
just and faithful He shall reign:
Jesus shall reign!

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest song
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His name.

To our King be highest praise,
rising through eternal days
just and faithful He shall reign:
Jesus shall reign!

Let every creature rise and bring
blessing and honour to our King.
Angels descend with songs again
and earth repeat the loud amen!

To our King be highest praise
rising through eternal days
just and faithful He shall reign:
Jesus shall reign!

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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

Stand firm!
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
Rev Nathan Owens

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same for ever,
slow to anger, swift to bless:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows:
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him;
all who dwell in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847

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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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2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

13 But we ought always to give
thanks to God for you,
brothers beloved by the Lord,
because God chose you as
the firstfruits to be saved,
through sanctification by the
Spirit and belief in the truth.
14 To this he called you
through our gospel, so that
you may obtain the glory of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

15 So then, brothers, stand firm
and hold to the traditions that
you were taught by us, either
by our spoken word or by our
letter.
16 Now may our Lord Jesus
Christ himself, and God our
Father, who loved us and
gave us eternal comfort and
good hope through grace,

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

[17] comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

How firm a foundation,
you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent word;
what more can He say
than to you He has said,
to all who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

In every condition – in sickness, in health
in poverty's grip, or abounding in wealth;
at home or abroad,
on the land, on the sea,
as days may demand,
shall your strength ever be.

Since Jesus is with you, do not be afraid;
since He is your God,
you need not be dismayed:
He'll strengthen you, guard you,
and help you to stand,
upheld by His righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters
He calls you to go,
you will not be drowned
in the rivers of woe;
for He will be with you in trouble, to bless,
and work for your good
through your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials
your pathway shall lie,
His grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flames shall not hurt you,
His only design
your dross to consume
and your gold to refine.

The soul that in Jesus has found its repose
He will not, He cannot, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell
should endeavour to shake,
He'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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2 Thessalonians

STAND FIRM

2 Thessalonians 2: 13- 17

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Prayer

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust my sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to veil His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, and blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

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