Morning Service

A king ruled by fear
Matthew 14:1-12
Rev Nathan Owens

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,
dayspring from on high, appear;
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news,
glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth".

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver;
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone:
By Thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

Prayer

Matthew 14:1-12

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, 2 and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him."

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3 For Herod had seized John
and bound him and put him in
prison for the sake of
Herodias, his brother Philip's
wife, 4 because John had
been saying to him, “It is not
lawful for you to have her.”
5 And though he wanted to
put him to death, he feared
the people, because they
held him to be a prophet.

Matthew 14:1-12

6 But when Herod's birthday
came, the daughter of
Herodias danced before the
company and pleased Herod,
7 so that he promised with an
oath to give her whatever she
might ask. 8 Prompted by her
mother, she said, "Give me
the head of John the Baptist
here on a platter."

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9 And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. 10 He sent and had John beheaded in the prison,

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11 and his head was brought
on a platter and given to the
girl, and she brought it to her
mother. 12 And his disciples
came and took the body and
buried it, and they went and
told Jesus.

Children's Talk

Jesus is greater than the greatest heroes,
Jesus is closer than the closest friends,
He came from heaven
and He died to save us,
to show us love that never ends.

Son of God,
and the Lord of glory,
He's the light,
follow in His way.
He's the truth
that we can believe in
and He's the life,
He's living today.

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Gill Hutchinson

Prayer

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear
though winds of change
may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side; no longer dread
the fires of unexpected sorrow.

God, You are my God,
and I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew
a steadfast spirit within me
to rest in You alone.

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved
by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith
against temptation's flaming arrows.

God, You are my God,
and I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew
a steadfast spirit within me
to rest in You alone.

Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake
the truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise
as stars appear when day is dimming.

God, You are my God,
and I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew
a steadfast spirit within me to rest
in You alone.

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MATTHEW 14: 1-12

A KING RULED BY FEAR

Prayer

By faith we see the hand of God;
in the light of creation's grand design
in the lives of those
who prove His faithfulness;
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise in their hearts
of a Holy City built by God's own hand:
a place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed for Messiah
would appear
with the power to break the chains
of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives
and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.

We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail; for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
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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

Do not grow weary
2 Thessalonians 3:6-15
Andrew Yong

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him
for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear,
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at His side,
and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely His goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with His love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord,
who, when darkness and sin are abounding,
who, when the godless are rampant,
all goodness confounding,
breaks forth as light,
scatters the terrors of night,
saints with His mercy surrounding!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him;
all that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the 'Amen!'
sound from His people again -
gladly we praise and adore Him.

Joachim Neander, Tr. Catherine Winkworth and Percy Dearmer

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Prayer

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity,
where the bonds of peace,
of acceptance and love
are the fruits of His presence
here among us.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
and with one heart we'll live out His Word.
Till the whole earth sees
the Redeemer has come
for He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh, how good it is
on this journey we share,
to rejoice with the happy
and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength,
the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
and with one heart we'll live out His Word.
Till the whole earth sees
the Redeemer has come
for He dwells in the presence
of His people.

Oh, how good it is
to embrace His command
to prefer one another,
forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one,
we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
and with one heart we'll live out His Word.
Till the whole earth sees
the Redeemer has come
for He dwells in the presence of His people.

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2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

6 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

7 For you yourselves know how
you ought to imitate us,
because we were not idle
when we were with you, 8 nor
did we eat anyone's bread
without paying for it, but with
toil and labour we worked
night and day, that we might
not be a burden to any of
you.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

[9] It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. [10] For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. [11] For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

12 Now such persons we
command and encourage in
the Lord Jesus Christ to do
their work quietly and to earn
their own living.
13 As for you, brothers, do not
grow weary in doing good.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

14 If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

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

DO NOT GROW WEARY

2 Thessalonians 3: 6–15

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Prayer

Forth in Your name, O Lord, I go
my daily labour to pursue;
You, Lord, alone I choose to know
in all I think or speak or do.

The task Your wisdom has assigned
here let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my work Your presence find
and prove Your good and perfect will.

You would I set at my right hand
whose eyes my inmost secrets view;
and labour on at Your command
and offer all my work to You.

Help me to bear Your easy yoke
and every moment watch and pray;
and still to things eternal look
and hasten to that glorious day.

Gladly for You may I employ
all that Your generous grace has given;
and run my course with constant joy
and closely walk with You to heaven.

Charles Wesley

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