

Sermon: "The Righteousness of God Revealed" by Rev. Dr. Jon Payne



31 July 2022
10:30am Service

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it
Name of Thy redeeming love

3 Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

2 Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

4 Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

Robert Robinson. v4 alt. words by Bob Kauflin.
Music: Nettleton

Benediction

Notices

Welcome to Oxford EPC – whether this is your first service with us or you attend regularly, we offer you a warm welcome. Please feel free to stay for tea and coffee after the service so we can get to know each other better. We love having children in our service. Please feel free to use the clipboards with sheets and pencils for your children, particularly during the sermon.

Nick & Becky have kindly organised a [Bring Your Own Picnic](#) after this mornings service. All are welcome to join in with that! Gather outside St. Luke's after the service so we can head over to the University Parks together.

[5pm tonight](#) – Evening Worship at the Quaker Friends Meeting House (43 St Giles', OX1 3LW). All are welcome!

[Wednesday 12-2pm](#) – Bring Your Own Lunch at the Martin's home.

[Thursday 7pm](#) – Bible study and prayer meeting at the Gandhi's home. All are welcome!

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

Prayer of Invocation

[Praise God, my soul!](#) With all my heart
Let me exalt his holy name.
Forget not all his benefits;

His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;
Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness,
And crowns you in his tenderness.

2 He satisfies your deep desires
From his unending stores of good,
So that, just like the eagle's strength,
Your faithful vigour is renewed.
The LORD is known for righteous acts
And justice to downtrodden ones.

To Moses he made known his ways,
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons,
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.

3 The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.
He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.
He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.

How great his love – as high as heaven
Towards all those who fear the LORD!
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

Psalms 103:1-11, Sing Psalms | Music: Before the throne of God above

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 61 in the Church Bibles)

Confession of Sin

Righteous and Sovereign God, you are good, patient, kind and longsuffering. Save us from ourselves - from the deceits of sin; from the treachery of our fallen natures; from our denying your charge against our offences; from lives lived in rebellion against you. We confess that our thoughts, affections, desires, and pursuits, are alienated from you.

O King of our lives, do not cast us into destruction, or drive us from your presence. Rather, wound our hearts that we may be healed. Break us so that in your own hands we may be made whole. Help us to receive the gift of Jesus Christ and to walk in him, depend upon him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Perceiving nothing in ourselves, may we find in Christ wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Amen.

Adapted from The Valley of Vision – A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions

Assurance of Pardon

"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" Mark 2:9-12

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tis, finished! the messiah dies,
cut off for sins, but not his own;
accomplished is the sacrifice,
the great redeeming work is done.
Tis, finished! all the debt is paid,
justice divine is satisfied,
the grand and full atonement made:
God for a guilty world has died!

2 The veil is rent in Christ alone,
the living way to heaven is seen;
the middle wall is broken down,
and all mankind may enter in.
The types and figures are fulfilled,
exactd is the legal pain,
the precious promises are sealed,
The spotless Lamb of God is slain.

3 The reign of sin and death is done,
and all may live, from sin set free;
Satan has lost his mortal power,
Tis swallowed up in victory.
Saved from the curse of God I am;
my Saviour hangs upon a tree!
See there the meek, expiring Lamb!
Tis finished! He expires for me.

4 Accepted in the Well-beloved
and clothed in righteousness divine,
I see the bar to heaven removed,
and all your merits, Lord, are mine.
Death, hell and sin are now subdued,
all grace is now to sinners given,
and so I plead the atoning blood
and by your right I claim your heaven.

Charles Wesley | Music: Tis Finished

Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes & Offerings

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9

Prayer for Ourselves & Others

Confession of Faith using the Nicene Creed (381AD)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*

2 Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days
None above Him...

3 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...

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Prayer for Understanding