

*Christ Church New Southgate
& Friern Barnet*

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Welcome

Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Let those who fear the Lord say:

“His love endures forever.”

You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Song: Give thanks to the Lord, our God and
King

His love endures forever

For He is good, He is above all things

His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm

His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

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Forever, God is faithful

Forever, God is strong

Forever, God is with us

Forever

From the rising to the setting sun

His love endures forever

And by the grace of God, we will carry on

His love endures forever

*Song: Let all creation sing before the Lord
and every nation of the earth rejoice,
let all the trees lift a shout of joy
for the Lord is King.*

*Let the deep waters of the sea resound,
let every mountain, every hill sing out,
let all the fields make a joyful sound
for the Lord is King.*

Mighty river, barren desert,
howling wind and stormy weather,
every canyon every valley,
sing your praise and give him glory.
Nature proclaims the glory of our God,
nature proclaims his name.

Every star and constellation,
every wonder in the heavens,
silver moon and supernova,
sing a shining hallelujah!
Nature proclaims the glory of our God,
nature proclaims his name.

Honey bees and weeping willows,
grizzly bears and armadillos,
every narwhal and sea otter,
every son and every daughter.
Nature proclaims the glory of our God,
nature proclaims his name.
La la la la la la - All the earth, praise the
Lord
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Heavenly Father,
in Jesus we discover what it means
to walk by the Spirit
as daughters and sons of God.

When we have taken for granted
the everyday gifts of life:

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

Where we have failed
to respond to your presence
within, between and around us:

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

Where we have acted
as though your coming
was only for me and mine:

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy

Silence

Glorious Lord, help us this day
to receive and embody
your grace and truth
for us and for all people:

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy

Active Apostles creed

Song: Nothing's too big, big, big for his
power
Nothing's too little, little for his care
Nothing's too big, big, big for his power
Nothing's too idly, widdly for his care
Nothing's too big, big, big for his power
Nothing's too incy-wincy for his care
Nothing's too big, big, big for his power
Nothing's too teeny-weeny for his care

He is God of the big, God of the little
God of the stuff somewhere in the middle
The King of moving mountains
Love's you more than you will ever know

Reading: Ezra 3

When the seventh month came and the
Israelites had settled in their towns, the
people assembled together as one in
Jerusalem. ²Then Joshua son of Jozadak and
his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of

Shealtiel and his associates began to build
the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice
burnt offerings on it, in accordance with
what is written in the Law of Moses the man
of God. ³Despite their fear of the peoples
around them, they built the altar on its
foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on
it to the Lord, both the morning and
evening sacrifices. ⁴Then in accordance with
what is written, they celebrated the Festival
of Tabernacles with the required number of
burnt offerings prescribed for each
day. ⁵After that, they presented the regular
burnt offerings, the New Moon sacrifices
and the sacrifices for all the appointed
sacred festivals of the Lord, as well as those
brought as freewill offerings to
the Lord. ⁶On the first day of the seventh
month they began to offer burnt offerings to
the Lord, though the foundation of
the Lord's temple had not yet been laid.

Rebuilding the Temple

⁷Then they gave money to the masons and
carpenters, and gave food and drink and
olive oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, so
that they would bring cedar logs by sea from
Lebanon to Joppa, as authorized by
Cyrus king of Persia.

⁸In the second month of the second year
after their arrival at the house of God in
Jerusalem, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,
Joshua son of Jozadak and the rest of the
people (the priests and the Levites and all
who had returned from the captivity to
Jerusalem) began the work. They appointed
Levites twenty years old and older to
supervise the building of the house of
the Lord. ⁹Joshua and his sons and brothers
and Kadmiel and his sons (descendants of
Hodaviah^[a]) and the sons of Henadad and
their sons and brothers—all Levites—joined
together in supervising those working on the
house of God.

¹⁰When the builders laid the foundation of
the temple of the Lord, the priests in their

vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel. ¹¹ With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord:

“He is good;

his love toward Israel endures forever.”
And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. ¹² But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. ¹³ No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

Song: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
The city of our God, the holy place,
The joy of the whole earth.
Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory
He aids us against the enemy.
We bow down on our knees.

And Lord we want to lift Your Name on high,
And Lord we want to thank you
For the works You've done in our lives.
And Lord we trust in Your unfailing love;
For you alone are God eternal,
Throughout earth and heaven above.

Sermon: by Rev. Israel Olofinjana
Text available after Sunday

Prayers of Intercession led by Ola Lawal
When I say, Lord, hear us the response is
Lord graciously hear us.
Lord, hear us ----- **Lord graciously hear us.**

1John 5 vs.14 says, “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, He hears us. Heavenly Father, we pray that you pour your Holy Spirit on the worldwide Church. Give her strength and conviction to carry out your will of building your kingdom on Earth as it is in heaven. We remember those who cannot worship you freely or openly. Embrace them with your love. Grant them peace and keep them safe.
Lord, hear us-----**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord help our world leaders to selflessly and compassionately help the people as they come to terms with the complexities of our changing world after the Covid 19 pandemic. Grant them the wisdom and discernment needed to promote prosperity, justice and equity. In your mercy and by your divine power, repair and save our planet. Increase the world leaders' urgency to take care our world. Grant them the wisdom to take good, abiding decisions at the coming UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow. We ask for your mercy and help for those suffering from natural and man-made disasters. This we ask for La Palma, Haiti, America, parts of the Caribbean. In places of war and conflict, pour your oil of peace. Soften the hearts of Taliban ruling Afghanistan so the women can work and teenage girls can continue to be educated.

Lord hear us-----**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful God, we pray you stem the pollution of the hearts and mind of some the young children and youths that is resulting in intolerance, hatred and violence especially here in the United Kingdom. We ask your renewal and restoration for those polluted already. We pray for effective ways to stop those committed to polluting young minds. Comfort and heal those who have suffered as a result of this pollution. This we ask

especially for the family of the conservative MP, Sir David Amess.

Lord, now that the Covid restrictions had been lifted and the country starts to fully implement Brexit, help us to rebuild the U.K. just as you did for the exiles at the time of Ezra. Do not allow the rising Covid infections to take hold again.

Lord hear us----**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We ask your divine healing and restoration for those suffering or recovering from ill-health. This we ask especially for those known to us. Support, comfort and embrace with your love the bereaved. Grant their loved ones eternal rest. We pray for comfort and friendship for the lonely and the housebound. Grant essential help to the job-seekers, the refugees and those living on the edge of our society.

Lord, hear us----**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us spend a minute in silence to lift up to Jesus those on our minds.

God of mercy and love, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive and answer our petition. Bless your children and do immeasurable more for us than we can imagine. Grant us great joy like the resettled exiles in Jerusalem at the time of Ezra. All these we ask in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song: Build Your kingdom here

Let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand

Heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire

Win this nation back

Change the atmosphere

Build Your kingdom here

We pray

Come set Your rule and reign

In our hearts again

Increase in us we pray

Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope

Like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit, come invade us now

We are Your church

We need Your power in us

(Let's go)

We seek Your kingdom first

We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives

For You're our joy and prize

To see the captive hearts released

The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace

We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church

We pray revive this Earth

(We're praying for revival)

Blessing

The Lord bless you

and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you

and give you peace.