

*Christ Church New  
Southgate & Friern Barnet*

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Welcome

*Reading: Psalm 148*

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from heaven,  
you that live in the heights above.**

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels,  
**all his heavenly armies.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
**praise him, shining stars.**

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, highest heavens,  
**and the waters above the sky.**<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Let them all praise the name of the Lord!  
**He commanded, and they were created;**

<sup>6</sup> by his command they were fixed in their  
places forever,

**and they cannot disobey.**<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Praise him, kings and all peoples,  
**princes and all other rulers;**

<sup>12</sup> young women and young men,  
**old people and children too.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them all praise the name of the Lord!

**His name is greater than all others;**

his glory is above earth and heaven.

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

Song: Praise Him, you heavens and all that's  
above.

Praise Him, you angels and heavenly hosts.

Let the whole earth praise Him.

*Great in power, great in glory*

*Great in mercy, King of heaven.*

*Great in battle, great in wonder.*

*Great in Zion, King over all the earth.*

Praise Him, the sun, moon and bright  
shining stars.

Praise Him, you heavens and waters and  
skies.

Let the whole earth praise Him.

Song: My lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
In the silence, You won't let go

In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*My Lighthouse, my lighthouse*

*Shining in the darkness, I will follow You*

*My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)*

*I will trust the promise,*

*You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh)*

*Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh)*

*Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh)*

*Safe to shore*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh

*Reading: Luke 16.19-31*

<sup>19</sup> "There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in great luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, <sup>21</sup> hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast in heaven. The rich man died and was buried, <sup>23</sup> and in Hades, where he was in great pain, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus

at his side.<sup>24</sup> So he called out, ‘Father Abraham! Take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool off my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire!’<sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Remember, my son, that in your lifetime you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain.’<sup>26</sup> Besides all that, there is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross over to us from where you are.’<sup>27</sup> The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father's house,<sup>28</sup> where I have five brothers. Let him go and warn them so that they, at least, will not come to this place of pain.’<sup>29</sup> Abraham said, ‘Your brothers have Moses and the prophets to warn them; your brothers should listen to what they say.’<sup>30</sup> The rich man answered, ‘That is not enough, father Abraham! But if someone were to rise from death and go to them, then they would turn from their sins.’<sup>31</sup> But Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death.’”

*Quiz: True or False*

1. The rich man was nice to Lazarus when they were alive.
2. The rich man was worried about his brothers.
3. The rich man's brothers did not know about God.
4. The rich man's importance on earth made him important after death.
5. Lazarus suffered on earth because he was a sinner.

*Lord's Prayer*

*Birthday box*

**Song:** 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

*Sermon: Rev. George Watt, URC Thames North  
Moderator*

*Song: Jai, Jai Naam*

*Prayers for the world led by Ola Lawal*

The response when I say, ‘Lord in your  
mercy is ‘Hear our prayer.’  
Lord in your mercy -----Hear our prayer

Everlasting God your word says ‘Ask, and it  
will be given to you;’ Knowing this, in faith  
we bring to you our prayers for the world and  
for ourselves.

We pray for the worldwide Church to be  
strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Help the church to proclaim the truth of the  
gospel. We pray for the United Reformed  
Church, the General Secretary, Revd. (Dr.)  
John Bradbury, the Synod moderators, and all  
involved in the planning of this week's 50 th

Anniversary celebration, which was postponed due to the railstrikes. Remind them that you are the all-knowing God who love them. We thank you for working your purposes out for the URC in the last 50 years. We pray for the continual fulfilment of your plan to prosper and not to harm, to give hope and a future to the URC.

Lord in your mercy -----Hear our prayer

We pray for the world leaders, to be selfless and to put the people first in all decision making. Fill them with your wisdom and discernment. Release them from unhealthy desire for personal wealth and power so others may be released from poverty, hunger, and oppression.

We ask your help and guidance for Liz Truss, the new United Kingdom Prime Minister, and for all who will be helping her to run the country.

Lord in your mercy -----Hear our prayer

Merciful God, we pray for peace in Ukraine and all the countries suffering from the effects of war or conflict. Soften the hearts of warmongers. We ask your care for those fleeing from war, conflict or violence and looking for new homes. Grant your wisdom to all who work to support them. We remember the victims of natural disasters. Grant them comfort and the much needed practical help.

Lord in your mercy -----Hear our prayer

Lord, comfort the recently bereaved, and those for whom the anniversaries of loved ones occur at this time. We ask this comfort for all who mourn the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, and especially, for King Charles III and family.

We ask your divine healing and restoration for those unwell physically, mentally, or emotionally. Grant your divine help to those who are overwhelmed because of poor

finance, poor or no housing, deteriorating or broken relationships.

Lord in your mercy -----Hear our prayer  
*Let us have a minute of silence as we lift up those on our minds to God.*

Generous God, intervene and manifest your glory, concerning whatever the Brothers and Sisters here in the church or watching online need. Breathe your calm into any difficult or troubling issues. Do immeasurably more than we can expect or imagine.

Strengthen our relationship with you and help us to remain faithful until you call us into your eternal Kingdom. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of His Word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and forevermore!

*Blessing*