

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.

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r 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.*

Prayer

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER,

Greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like You there is no other.
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom,
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach;
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good, and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts,
My song when enemies surround me,
My hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,
In my place You suffered, bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered.
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

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Final Prayer

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and
death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

4. By faith the church was called to go,
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

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A Warm Welcome to St. Andrew's

11th February 2024 6:30pm Evening Service, The Sunday Next Before Lent
Tim Partridge is leading and **Matt Thompson** is preaching on **1 Kings 18:1-15**

We meet in the name of God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER

From before the world began;
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
With a word You stilled the sea,
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.

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Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, fill us with your Spirit, that we may pray with faith, sing your praises with gratitude, and listen to your word with eagerness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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!

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Prayers

*Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

NOW, IN REVERENCE AND AWE

We gather round Your word,
In wonder we draw near
To mysteries that angels strain to hear,
That prophets dimly saw.
So let Your Spirit shine upon the page and...

Teach me, open up my eyes
with truth to free me,
Light to chase the lies.
Lord Jesus, let me meet You in Your word.
Lord Jesus, let me meet You in Your word.

Lord Your truth cannot be chained
It searches everything
My secrets my desires
Your word is like a
Hammer and a fire
It breaks it purifies
So let Your Spirit
Shine into my heart and...

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Reading– **1 Kings 18:-1-15 p 359**

This is the word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon—Matt Thompson

Confession

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.