



Welcome to Blackburn Baptist Church, on May 5th 2024 at 10:45, meeting at Bethesda Chapel.

Whilst some are able to meet in person, others we know are still at home. We hope and pray that you will find this outline of our service helpful, as we seek to worship God as a Church family, wherever we are.

(As I have not received any of Alec's spoken words this week, this is a very basic outline of the service, including the song words, Bible reading and prayers only.)

Our service today is being led by **Alec**, with our **Musicians Trevor, Judith and Kate**. Alec began with a welcome greeting for our Orthodox friends, who are celebrating Easter today, saying Christ is risen 3 times in their mother tongue, then saying we would again watch 'The Lord is my shepherd,' shown on the screen, but a different arrangement from the one played last weekend. This version was sung by Keith Green. Alec said Psalm 23 is probably the psalm most shared in his visits. After watching this, Alec invited us to join in our

Opening hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
let the amen sound from His people again,
gladly for aye we adore Him.

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Notices were shared by Jane - Ladies afternoon meet on Tuesday, Tiddlywinks on Wednesday morning, with a prayer meeting in the evening at Shirley's to which all are invited. New Life International Church meet as usual on Friday and Saturday evenings, and the building will be open on Saturday morning if anyone wishes to drop-in.

Communion service including communion hymn "Such love"

Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
such love weeps for the shame I know;
such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;
such love, filling my emptiness;
such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, springs from eternity;
such love streaming through history;
such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

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Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 (ESV anglicised version) Jane

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labour among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, [c] encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Excerpt 1 REJOICE ALWAYS

SONGS

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King! your Lord and King adore;
mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven,
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
God's trumpet call shall sound, rejoice!

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"Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice"

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice!

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"Joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart" (VIDEO)

I've got that joy joy joy joy down in my heart - Where?
Down in my heart - Where?
Down in my heart - Where?
I've got that joy joy joy joy down in my heart - Where?
Down in my heart to stay.

**And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.**

I've got the love of Jesus down in my heart - Where?
Down in my heart - Where?
Down in my heart - Where?
I've got the love of Jesus down in my heart - Where?
Down in my heart to stay
And I'm so happy....

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart - Where?
Down in my heart - Where?
Down in my heart - Where?
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart - Where?
Down in my heart to stay
And I'm so happy....

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUEGQPKOQ9g&t=32s>

Excerpt 2 PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

THE LORD'S PRAYER SPOKEN ALL-TOGETHER

SONG

CARIBBEAN VERSION OF THE LORD 'S PRAYER (VIDEO)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nh_H-HYKu8&t=149s

HYMN "Take my life and let it be"

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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Excerpt 3 GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

SONGS

"Thank you Lord for this new day"

Thank you, Lord, for this new day,
Thank you, Lord, for this new day,
Thank you, Lord, for this new day,
Right where we are.

**Alleluia, praise the Lord,
Alleluia, praise the Lord,
Alleluia, praise the Lord,
Right where we are.**

Thank you, Lord, for food to eat....
Alleluia, praise the Lord,

Thank you, Lord, for clothes to wear....
Alleluia, praise the Lord,

Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts....
Alleluia, praise the Lord,

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"We really want to thank you Lord"

We really want to thank You Lord, we really want to bless Your name.
Hallelujah Jesus is our King.
We really want to thank You Lord, we really want to bless Your name.
Hallelujah Jesus is our King.

We thank You Lord for Your gifts to us, Your life so rich beyond compare;
the gift of Your body here on earth of which we sing and share.
We really want to thank You Lord....

We thank You, Lord, for our lives together, to live and to move in the love of Christ;
tenderness which sets us free, to serve you with our lives
We really want to thank You Lord....

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Him for His Word divine.
We really want to thank You Lord...

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PRAYERS BECKY EATON

Dearest Heavenly Father,
How refreshing it is to talk with you once again. I have had many conversations with you this past week. How blessed are we that we have such a wonderful person as you to open our hearts to. How wonderful is it to know also that you are always ready and happy to listen to us whenever, we don't have to wait till it's convenient, till you have finished the job you are doing. You are there, always just waiting for us to bring our worries and hurt to you. It doesn't matter either what we say to you. It can be a big, mega big problem or the smallest most insignificant worry that is bothering us but you are there always waiting to share it with us.

Neither do we have to feel foolish whatever we bring to you. We can pour it out to you Lord, instead of bottling it up or feeling childish confessing this niggle to a friend. Sometimes we find an answer immediately. Sometimes we have to wait or pray again, but you always give us an answer if we are prepared to wait and talk to you. Oh heavenly father, thank you again that we can always rely on your goodness. Sometimes it might not be the answer or solution. we would have liked it to be, maybe the very opposite from what we had in our heads, but we trust you and know you want what is best for us. Father help us then that if that is the case, sometimes then you will show us how to react to this and not be upset or disappointed because you always always want the best for each and everyone of us here in this church. Oh Heavenly Father, thank you for listening to us and loving us help us to love each other in the same way.

Now we pray for the whole wide world. We pray and weep for the poor families who have suffered terrible tragedies in the last few days. We pray, hard as it is, for the perpetrators also. We pray for the sorrow of the victims, and for the sorrow of the perpetrators family, we cannot begin to apprehend or comprehend what triggered off these emotions in someone's head. Please Lord be with each individual family now right now, as they try to come to terms with their terrible losses.

We pray also for the rest of the world and countries that are struggling constantly for food,

water, sickness, cruelty, abuse. We are living in a sinful world to where there is a lot of pain being caused by other people who are in charge, taking control for their own gains. We pray for our young children and for their teachers. We pray for our hospital workers and ambulance drivers and GPs. We pray for the neglected who are struggling every day to keep house and home together for the amount of people who are being made redundant. We ask that you change the hearts of the people in charge, our governments and MPs, and the like. We are remember people who are sick in mind as well as body. Please give them strength to talk to someone and seek help. Please help us all to be vigilant and kind to those in distress. It is true Lord that we all need friends, someone we can talk to. We have you, heavenly father, some people feel like they have no-one. Please give us opportunities to serve others. Lord, to do this is to please you. We want to be your hands and feet and eyes and ears Lord because we know how very blessed we are.

We want to spend a little time this morning thinking about, and praying for, all the people in our congregation who are unwell at this time. We remember Janet and Tony and Alice and Gwyneth, we ask for your blessing on young Gregor, Brian and Marion's grandson. Please be close to him and his mum and dad and siblings, Lord. We give thanks to the nursing staff who have helped Gregor physically and his mummy who must've been so stressed. If we have not mentioned anyone who is not well you know who they are Lord. Please put your gentle hand on them and comfort them.

Thank you for our deacons and pastor and please help our church to grow in friendship and love. Amen.

CLOSING (OFFERTORY) HYMN "Praise Him, praise Him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer"

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honour give to His holy Name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
in His arms He carries them all day long.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;

Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

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CLOSING PRAYERS

FIVE MINUTES OF PRAYER