

Sunday 25 February 2024

Judges 4–5Leading
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To God be the glory! Great things he has done;

so loved he the world that he gave us his Son
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice;

praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice:

*come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
give him the glory; great things he has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
to every believer the promise of God:
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord!...

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see!
Praise the Lord!...

Frances Jane Crosby (1820–1915)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault

We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

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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.

Leader Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**All One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

Leader They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**All The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Psalms 145:3–8 ESVUK

1 In the darkness we were waiting
without hope, without light,
'til from heaven you came running
there was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets
to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt.
*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings!*

2 To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation
you did not despise the cross,
for even in your suffering
you saw to the other side,
knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus for our sake you died.
*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings!*

3 And the morning that you rose
all of heaven held its breath,
'til that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death
and the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored.

4 And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his Name
in his freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me.
*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings!*

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O great God of highest heaven,
occupy my lowly heart;
own it all and reign supreme,
conquer every rebel power;
let no vice or sin remain
that resists your holy war,
you have loved and purchased me,
make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
had no ears to hear your voice;
did not know your love within,
had no taste for heaven's joys;
then your Spirit gave me life,
opened up your word to me;
through the gospel of your Son,
gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life
that's dependent on your grace;
keep my heart and guard my soul
from the evils that I face;
you are worthy to be praised
with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heaven
glorify your name through me.

Bob Kauflin

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Reading Judges 5:23–31

Sermon Aneirin Glyn

1 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!*

2 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!*

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given;
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice!—again I say, rejoice!*

4 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!*

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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Search for a saviour

Faithful women

Judges 4–5

“Your kingdom come, your will be done”

1. Praise the LORD for his mighty work

Defeating enemies: Judges 4:1–3, 14–15, 23

...but also Judges 4:21?

Defeating idols: Judges 5:4–5, 19–21

Defeating evil: Judges 5:24–31

Revelation 11:17–18; 19:11–16

2. Offer yourselves for the LORD’s mighty work

Barak’s response: Judges 4:8, 10, 14–16. See 1 Sam. 12:11; Hebrews 11:32

The tribes’ responses: Judges 4:6, 10; 5:14–18. See Matthew 16:24–25

Meroz’s response: Judges 4:23

The model response: Matthew 6:10; 10:45; 26:38–44

NOTICES



1. 4pm small groups: continues Tuesdays, 7.15–9.30pm, at St Helen's. Sign up using the QR code. Groups in English and Spanish studying John's Gospel, and groups in English studying Romans. For more information, email: 4pm@st-helens.org.uk

2. Church family prayer: Monday 26 February, 6.30pm for 6.45pm at St Helen's. If you can't join in person, join on Zoom (please identify yourself when joining for an "in person" atmosphere). shb.org.uk/cfp meeting ID: 883 2931 4212, passcode: 818848. Food for £4.

3. WoW central meeting: mental health and the church—led by Pella Haire, Wednesday 28 February in St Helen's, 9.45–11.15am. Crèche provided at St Helen's. Bring your own lunch to join others after the talk. Any questions, email Janet: janetmtaylor62@gmail.com

4. Women's reading group: Sunday 3 March in St Helen's. 1.30pm arrival for 2pm start—bring your own lunch. We'll discuss 'Five Lies of our Anti-Christian Age' by Rosaria Butterfield. For details, speak to Christine or email: c.simpson@st-helens.org.uk

5. Marriage Foundations: understanding marriage is important to the whole church family. This is a course to which all are welcome, regardless of marital status: Monday evenings, 4, 11, 18 March. To register, email: marriage@st-helens.org.uk

6. Men's brunch: 10am–12 noon, Saturday 16 March near St Helen's. Catch up and think about God's word together. For details, email: m.lecroisette@st-helens.org.uk

7. Highlights from Handel's Messiah: 7pm, 22 March at St Michael's Cornhill—performed by professional singers with commentary by Henry ET. Bring colleagues, friends and family who appreciate classical music. Scan QR code or: bit.ly/SMCHM24 for tickets.



8. Associate scheme: interested in training for Bible teaching ministry? Why not consider applying for the associate scheme. Applications are open, for more information, visit: shb.org.uk/associatescheme or scan the QR code.



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10. Current vacancies: for details, visit: shb.org.uk/jobs

11. Electoral roll: We will be updating our electoral roll from 4 March–9 April, more details on 4 March.

Next Sunday: Aneirin Glyn will be speaking on Judges 6–7.