



**A very warm welcome
Sunday 2 May 2021**

Welcome - Tom Wright

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want

He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone

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For Your endless mercy follows me

Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

Chorus

And though I walk the darkest path

I will not fear the evil one

For You are with me

And Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know

Chorus

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Liturgy - Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

All: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Notices

Prayers - Susanna Brockman

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 forever. Amen.

We're not alone for Christ is here

Immanuel our God come near
We're not alone for to our world
Jesus has come eternal Word
And as he speaks our souls laid bare
Naked ashamed sin is made clear
And yet he clothes us in his love
Never alone Christ is with us is with us

The longest walk earth's darkest day
The pressing crowd his mounting pain
A heavy load of grief and shame
Breathless that we should breathe again
"Father, forgive them" comes his cry
Silence from God blackens the sky
A creeping dread in every heart
Lost in the world now
God departs God departs

The dawn will come the sun will rise
Out of the grave we'll see hope's light
Tomb opened wide stone rolled away
Morning has come a brand new day
"He isn't here" the angel said
He is alive no longer dead
Our hearts are lifted souls raised high
Christ is with us Christ is our life he's our life

Never alone is now our cry
In joy in grief in lonely sin
Never alone for Christ is ours
He lives in us we live in him
And 'til we reach that final day
When fears are gone cast far away
We'll live secure trust in his love
Never alone Christ is with us he's with us

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Reading - Joshua 3:1-4:7 & 4:15-24, Ellie Griffith

Talk - Chris Fishlock

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens

Your glory shines in all that you have made
You spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness
All earth replies: "majestic is your name!"

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
As on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered
The one who spoke out stars now breathes his last

And who am I, the lowliest of sinners
That you would pay the price my sin deserves?
My Maker scarred for those who marred his
likeness
And from his wounds flows mercy unreserved

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory
Death could not hold the one who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our
darkness
And in our hearts, his risen life now shines

And so we wait in eager expectation
And join the song as all creation groans:
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
The Day you call your sons and daughters
home."

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Introduction

1. The Lord makes extraordinary promises (3:1-13)
2. The Lord always keeps his promises (3:14-17)
3. Remember the Lord who makes & keeps promises (4:1-24)

Application

Questions

The Lord makes extraordinary promises – what were the people in Joshua’s time waiting for God to do? What promises are we waiting for?

The Lord keeps his promises – what must that have been like for the people then? In what way is our situation today even better? So what?

How does knowing and remembering this help us today? How will you do that?

Confession

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 sin. 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.

Lord's Supper

Post Lord's Supper Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Final words

Notices:

New? Welcome! Please fill in a contact card at stnickschurch.org.uk to keep in touch.

Small Groups. Join us from 6.45pm for a 7pm start on Zoom on Wednesday as we study Mark's Gospel together.

Church Family Day this Saturday, 8th May, 10am-1pm. We'd love you to join us either online or in person for talks from Jeremy Hobson and discussion on Hebrews 11, 'Keeping the Faith'. Please sign up via the Friday email link or via [ChurchSuite](#).

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