

MAKING SENSE OF THE TIMES (3)

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– Daniel 3:1, 13-25



30th January 2022

WELCOME AND NOTICES

Please sign up for the Lent Course, which will be starting on Tuesday 8th March. We will be studying the Lent Course 'The Long Road to Heaven' based on the film 'The Way' with Martin Sheen in which he walks to Camino de Santiago for his son.





The Lent Course is based on the theme of salvation. If you would like to attend the group, it will help if you have a copy of the book, which costs between £5-6. Don't let finances stop you from coming.



CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of
our salvation.

Let us come before him with
thanksgiving and extol him with
music and song.



For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our
Maker; for he is our God and we are
the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.



OPENING PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Most holy God, we bow down and worship you, along with all the company of heaven, for you created the world in your power and you saved us by your mercy through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



Accept now our worship and our offering of praise, for to you belongs all glory, honour, power and praise. **Amen.**



I confess to God Almighty and in the presence of all God's people that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me.



**May Almighty God have mercy on
you, pardon and deliver you from
all your sins and give you time to
amend your life.**

Amen.



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May Almighty God have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins and give us time to amend our lives.

Amen.



Amazing Grace

- Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone.ppt



King of Love and Grace

- [King of love and grace \(Guardian\).ppt](#)



Even when the waters rise

- [Kingdom Come.ppt](#)



5th SUNDAY GIVING: NORWICH YOUTH FOR CHRIST

- <https://vimeo.com/247815850>



OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Eternal God, we come with these
gifts to offer the praise of our lips
and the service of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



We pray for the work of Norwich Youth for Christ, and ask for wisdom for Nick Blanch and his team as they work among the young people of this city.



Guide their steps by your Spirit and
give them courage and boldness to
reach out in ever new ways. So we
ask you to bless their work and
these gifts, for your kingdom's sake.
Amen.



PRAYER FOR SUNDAY CLUB

Lord, just as we pray for young people, so we pray for our own children and teenagers here in this church, that they may come close to you today, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



Thank You for Saving me

- [Thank You For Saving Me.ppt](#)



READING: Daniel 3:1, 13-25

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon...



13 Furious with rage,
Nebuchadnezzar summoned
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.
So these men were brought before
the king, **14** and Nebuchadnezzar
said to them, 'Is it true, Shadrach,
Meshach and Abednego, that you
do not serve my gods or worship
the image of gold I have set up?



15 Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?’



¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it,



and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.'



19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude towards them changed. He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than usual



²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace.



²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.



24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisors, 'Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?' They replied, 'Certainly, Your Majesty.'



²⁵ He said, 'Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.'



This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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PRAYERS

O Lord our God, Lord of the past, present and future, in this week where Holocaust Memorial Day was celebrated and we remember that six million Jews were murdered in the holocaust.



We also remember other groups and ethnicities who have been killed in subsequent genocides. We pray for Jews and others around the world who still suffer discrimination and threats because of their ethnicity.



As with Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego, we remember all those
who stand up for their faith in you.
We pray for the small number of
Jewish Christians in the Middle East,



that their faith in you, Lord, would be an example to both Jews and Muslims in that region. We pray for Christians and Christian leaders across the Middle East, for continuing courage in the face of opposition.



We pray for the Church worldwide,
for unity in diversity, for tolerance
and love. We thank you that
Christian leaders across Asia are
taking a more prominent role in the
global body of Christ.



Lord, we pray for the world, for better relations between Russia and Ukraine and the Western world. We pray that Ukraine may be able to determine its own path, and more importantly that this episode in its history would cause many to turn to you in both countries.



We pray for issues closer to home.
We pray for the government, for truth, justice and compassion to be at the heart of their policies. Lord, give us leaders who will serve for the sake of your name and your kingdom and restore our reputation abroad.



We pray for the NHS and the weariness many feel who work within it. Strengthen them in the task before them. We pray for all those waiting for treatment, all those undergoing treatment, all those recovering from treatment,



and all those for whom treatment has come too late. We remember those known to us. We pray for all those who have recently lost loved ones, continuing to remember in particular Linda, Carol and Pam.



Finally, Lord, we pray for ourselves and for all the issues facing us. Help us to trust you for today and tomorrow, and know we can rely on you for you are faithful now and always.



We make these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who through His life, death, and resurrection, journeys with us into the eternal hope of Your truth and light.

Amen.



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.**



Everyone Needs Compassion

- [Everyone Needs Compassion.ppt](#)



CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures for ever.

The Lord is at my side; I will not fear.

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.



If the Lord is for me,

Who can be against me?

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

The Maker of heaven and earth.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures for ever.



And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be with you and with all
whom you love now and for
evermore. **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

