



Elias Jackson Hallelujah

Service of Dedication Saturday 2nd July 2005

Welcome

Within this gathering we embody the different influences that will impact Elias' life: Parents, Godparents, family, friends, community. Concentric circles, overlapping, radiating and expanding, focused on a God 'who's centre is everywhere and circumference nowhere.'

Every perimeter is simultaneously a boundary that protects the treasure inside, and a border we are encouraged to cross. So as we gather to give thanks for his coming life, we will be focusing on each circle in turn: ever expanding our boundary in the hope that Elias' vision will be wide, and his centre true.

Hymn

1.
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2.
Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

3.
Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

4.
Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Reading

Psalm 131 read by Ozgar Hughes

My heart is not proud, O Lord,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
But I have stilled and quietened my soul;
like a weaned child with its mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within me.