

## Morning Prayer 14.04.24

Alleluia, Christ is risen: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Opening Sentences

O Lord open our lips **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Song – Lamb of God

Scenes of mountain grandeur creation's majesty  
The glory of a sunrise shining over me  
But the single greatest wonder my soul has ever seen  
Is the Lamb of God on Calvary

Blazing stars that reach me from distant galaxies  
The oceans they are speaking magnificence so deep  
But still the greatest wonder my soul has ever seen  
Is the Lamb of God on Calvary

*Behold the Son of God who takes away our sin  
Behold His perfect sacrifice  
Behold the wounds of grace upon His hands and feet  
Oh the Lamb of God on Calvary*

Heaven holds a welcome to all that's now unseen  
Your love will be my anthem for all eternity  
And the most enduring wonder my soul will ever see  
Is the Lamb who conquered Calvary  
Oh the Lamb of God our victory

*Behold the Son of God who takes away our sin...*

Isn't He worthy  
Isn't He worthy  
Forever worthy the Lamb who was slain  
Isn't He worthy  
Isn't He worthy  
Forever worthy the Lamb who was slain  
We give You the glory  
We give You the glory  
All of the glory to the Lamb who was slain  
We give You the glory  
We give You the glory  
All of the glory to the Lamb who was slain

*Behold the Son of God who takes away our sin...*

**Bible Readings**  
**Psalm – Psalm 4**

- <sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?
- <sup>3</sup> But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.
- <sup>4</sup> When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
- <sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!'
- <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup> I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**New Testament Reading – Luke 24: 36b-48**

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

## **Prayers**

*In our prayers we will pray for the world, the church, our local community, and for those who are in need.*

*At the end of each section we say:*

Lord in Your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
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**

## **Notices**

### **Blessing**

May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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