**Morning Prayer 02.08.2020**

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him. *Nahum 1.7*

**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 – Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown Him the Lord of love

Behold His hands and side

Rich wounds yet visible above

In beauty glorified

No angel in the sky

Can fully bear that sight

But downward bends each burning eye

At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of years

The Potentate of time

Creator of the rolling spheres

Ineffably sublime

All hail Redeemer hail

For Thou hast died for me

Thy praise shall never never fail

Throughout eternity

Crown Him with many crowns

The Lamb upon His throne

Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns

All music but its own

Awake my soul and sing

Of Him who died for thee

And hail Him as thy matchless King

Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life

Who triumphed o'er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife

For those He came to save

His glories now we sing

Who died and rose on high

Who died eternal life to bring

And lives that death may die

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**Bible Readings**

**Psalm 17.1-7** 1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;  
   give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.   
2 From you let my vindication come;  
   let your eyes see the right.   
3 If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
   if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
   my mouth does not transgress.   
4 As for what others do, by the word of your lips  
   I have avoided the ways of the violent.   
5 My steps have held fast to your paths;  
   my feet have not slipped.   
6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
   incline your ear to me, hear my words.   
7 Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
   O saviour of those who seek refuge  
   from their adversaries at your right hand.

**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.**

**Gospel – Matthew 14.13-21**

13Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” 18And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection**

**Prayers**

Heavenly Father we give thanks for this beautiful world, and that we have been able to pause and enjoy it during this pandemic. We thank you for the positive effects of spending more time at home and thank you for the relative peace we enjoy in this country. We ask you to bring healing to this world, the earth and the nations. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Lord in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, we give you thanks for our community. We pray for your blessing upon this place and ask for your protection. For all those who are most in need I pray they are given the support they need. Lord, inspire us with the things we can do to support those in greatest need.

Lord in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray that the easing of restrictions goes smoothly. Please give wisdom and to leaders who are making key decisions about easing restrictions, in our government, in our church and in our workplaces; allow it to happen according to plan.

Lord in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for the church, the whole body of Christ, as some of us gather in person for the first time in a long time. We pray that being together would be a blessing to those who are able to gather. I also pray that we continue to dedicate time to our own personal relationships with God, to continue to pray alone or with our families and to bring forward what this time of lockdown has taught us.

Lord in Your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for unity amongst all people. We recognize the disunity in our world and ask for your healing where there is division. We pray for the poor in our society and ask for your help. Lord, stir our hearts to be compassionate and generous.

Lord in Your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, be with us this week and always.

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**

**Song – Build My Life**

*Holy, there is no one like You*

*There is none beside You*

*Open up my eyes in wonder*

*And show me who You are*

*And fill me with Your heart*

*And lead me in Your love to those around me*

*Holy, there is no one like You*

*There is none beside You*

*Open up my eyes in wonder*

*And show me who You are*

*And fill me with Your heart*

*And lead me in Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life upon Your love

It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone

And I will not be shaken

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Worthy of every song we could ever sing

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe

We live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name

Jesus, the only One who could ever save

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe

We live for You

Oh, we live for You

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**Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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