

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 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

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

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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

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

*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*

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*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
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

*Holy, there is no one like You
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Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
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And lead me in Your love to those around me*

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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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