Morning Prayer 16.08.2020

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 - Great Things

Verse 1

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet He has done great things See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes He has done great things He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave

You free every captive and break every chain

O God You have done great things We dance in Your freedom awake and alive

O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high O God You have done great things

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore You have done great things And I know You will do it again For Your promise is yes and amen You will do great things God You do great things

CCLI Song # 7111321 Jonas Myrin | Phil Wickham

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable Hallelujah You have done great things (REPEAT) You've done great things

Ending

You have done great things O God You do great things

Bible Readings Psalm 133

- 1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

running down over the collar of his robes.

³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

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 15.21-28*

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Reflection

Prayers

Heavenly Father we give thanks for this world and ask for your healing and protection upon all nations. We ask you to bring healing to this world, the earth, and the nations. We pray for those who are suffering from injustice and disaster and ask for your healing presence to be among them.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we give you thanks for our church community. We pray for your blessing upon this place for the mission and ministry of the church in this place. For all those who are most in need I pray they are given the support they need. Lord Jesus, inspire us to follow you and serve those in greatest need.

Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for this time of sabbath. We pray that we continue to dedicate time to prayer and reflection. Lord help us to lift our concerns and anxieties to you. Help us to put our trust in you.

Lord in Your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord we bring those to you who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit. We pray for those we know naming them in our hearts. Lord have compassion on us, we trust in your power.

Lord in Your mercy hear our prayer.

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.

Notices

Song - Faithful One

Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, you?re my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble You lift me up when I fall down All through the storm Your love is, the anchor My hope is in You alone

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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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