

## Morning Prayer 23.08.2020

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 – I Stand Amazed in the Presence

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned, unclean

How marvelous, how wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous, how wonderful  
Is my Saviour's love for me

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When with ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see  
It will be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them his very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
He suffered and died for me

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### Bible Readings

#### **Psalm 124**

<sup>1</sup> If it had not been the Lord who was on our side  
—let Israel now say—

<sup>2</sup> if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,

<sup>3</sup> then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;

<sup>4</sup> then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;

<sup>5</sup> then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.

<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped.

<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**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 16.13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 for all people on earth. We ask you to bring healing where there is division that we may live with one another in peace. We pray for those who are suffering from injustice and disaster and ask for your healing.

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

Lord, we give you thanks for our church community. We pray for your blessing upon the mission 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 learn to serve as you served.

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 see who you are and follow you. We ask for you to reveal more about yourself to us that we may live in the way of your love.

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 we know you are a healer and we trust in your power to save. Lord bring us to fullness of life.

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 – What A Beautiful Name It Is**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One With God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
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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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