**Morning Prayer 13.09.2020**

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? *Isaiah 43:18-19*

**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 – Guardian**

When I hear You say
Trust and obey
I will walk by faith
And not by sight
God of my life

So let Your kingdom come
Your will be done
All Your promises will stand forever
You're my defender

You are God our great defender
Strong in love forever faithful
We are Yours and we will trust in You

*You go before…*

You are God our great defender

Strong in love forever faithful

We are Yours and we will trust in You

*You go before*

King of love and grace

My guardian

All my hopes and fears

Are in Your hands

I'm in Your hands

Where You go I'll go

Show me the way

Every step I take

Be now my guide

God on my side

*You go before me*

*You're there beside me*

*And if I wander*

*Love will find me*

*Goodness and mercy*

*Will always follow*

*You go before me*

*My Guardian*

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**Bible Readings**

***Psalm 103***

**1**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
    and all that is within me,
    bless his holy name.
**2**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
    and do not forget all his benefits—
**3**who forgives all your iniquity,
    who heals all your diseases,
**4**who redeems your life from the Pit,
    who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
**5**who satisfies you with good as long as you live[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+103&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-15555a)]
    so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

**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.**

**Old Testament *Joel 2:25-26***

**25**I will repay you for the years
    that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
    my great army, which I sent against you.

**26**You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
    and praise the name of the Lord your God,
    who has dealt wondrously with you.

**New Testament – *Hebrews 11:8-10 & 15-16***

**8**By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. **9**By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10**For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**15**If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. **16**But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection**

**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.**

**Notices**

**Song – Be Thou My Vision**

Riches I need not, nor all the world’s praise:

thou mine inheritance through all my days;

thou and thou only, the first in my heart;

High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,

grant heaven’s joys to me,

O bright heav’n’s sun!

Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,

still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;

thou my best thought in the day and the night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,

I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;

thou my great Father and I thy true heir;

thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;

be thou my armour and be thou my might;

thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower:

raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my power.

**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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