**Morning Prayer 20.09.2020**

“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 – In Christ Alone**

There in the ground His body lay

Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious Day

Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine

Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death

This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath

Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man

Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home

Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

In Christ alone my hope is found

He is my light my strength my song

This Cornerstone this solid Ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love what depths of peace

When fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my All in All

Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh

Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness

Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died

The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid

Here in the death of Christ I live

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**Bible Readings**

***Psalm 145 1-8***

**1**I will extol you, my God and King,  
    and bless your name for ever and ever.  
**2**Every day I will bless you,  
    and praise your name for ever and ever.  
**3**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
    his greatness is unsearchable.

**4**One generation shall laud your works to another,  
    and shall declare your mighty acts.  
**5**On the glorious splendour of your majesty,  
    and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
**6**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
    and I will declare your greatness.  
**7**They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
    and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**8**The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
    slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**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 20:1-16***

**20**‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. **2**After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. **3**When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; **4**and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. **5**When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. **6**And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” **7**They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.”

**8**When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” **9**When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. **10**Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. **11**And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, **12**saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” **13**But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? **14**Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. **15**Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” **16**So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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 – Build Your Kingdom Here**

Chorus

*Build Your kingdom here*

*Let the darkness fear*

*Show Your mighty hand*

*Heal our streets and land*

*Set Your church on fire*

*Win this nation back*

*Change the atmosphere*

*Build Your kingdom here we pray*

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r

Reaching the near and far

No force of hell can stop

Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this

Awake the kingdom seed in us

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

We are Your church

We are the hope on earth

*Build your kingdom…*

Come set Your rule and reign

In our hearts again

Increase in us we pray

Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope

Like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your church

We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first

We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives

For You're our joy and prize

To see the captives' hearts released

The hurt the sick the poor at peace

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause

We are Your church

We pray revive this earth

**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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