**Morning Prayer 18.04.2021**

“I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.” *Psalm 130:5***Welcome**Alleluia, Christ is risen: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**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 – Living Hope**

How great the chasm that lay between us

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free*

*Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me*

*You have broken every chain*

*There’s salvation in Your name*

*Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe

Out of the silence the Roaring Lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory

*Ending*

Jesus Christ my living hope

Oh God You are my living hope

How high the mountain I could not climb

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished the end is written

Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy

What heart could fathom such boundless grace

The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven

The King of kings calls me His own

Beautiful Saviour I’m Yours forever

Jesus Christ my living hope

CCLI Song # 7106807, Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

**This Time Tomorrow**

**Bible Readings**

**Psalm 4**

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

 You gave me room when I was in distress.

 Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

2 How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?

 How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

3 But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;

 the Lord hears when I call to him.

4 When you are disturbed, do not sin;

 ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

5 Offer right sacrifices,

 and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There are many who say, ‘O that we might see some good!

 Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!’

7 You have put gladness in my heart

 more than when their grain and wine abound.

8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

 for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

**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.**
**New Testament reading – *Luke 24: 36b -48***

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 – 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

CCLI Song # 3350395 Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

**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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