

Morning Prayer 25.04.2021

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope." *Psalms 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 – By the Grace of God

Verse 1

I rest my soul on Jesus
When the mountains shake
I put my trust in Jesus
The moment I awake

Verse 3

So high upon His shoulders
Safely brought this far
Helper of my helpless soul
The King of broken hearts

Verse 2

When my soul is lost as sea
He will be my rock
My vision be in Christ alone
This grace is all we've got

Bridge

You are the passion of my life Lord Jesus
You are the song within my soul
My strength my hope my all in all is You
Jesus You

Chorus

His love is like the mighty ocean
His love for me will never stop
Oh His arms are strong enough to carry me
Through it all by the grace of God

Verse 4

When breath grows still
And night draws near
I will not be afraid
I know the plans He has for me
Don't finish at my grave

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Brian Johnson | Kristene DiMarco | Martin Smith | Nick Herbert | Tim Hughes

Bible Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 & 15

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

New Testament reading – *Matthew 11: 28-30*

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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 – Guardian

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*

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 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 me...

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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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