**Morning Prayer 22.08.2021**“I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.” *Psalm 130:5***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 – This is Amazing Grace**  
Who breaks the power of sin and darkness

Who brings our chaos back into order

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter

The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice

Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance

The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace…*

*Bridge*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain*

*Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (repeat)*

*Worthy worthy worthy*

*This is amazing grace…*

Whose love is mighty and so much stronger

The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder

Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder

The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace*

*This is unfailing love*

*That You would take my place*

*That You would bear my cross*

*You laid down Your life*

*That I would be set free*

*Oh Jesus I sing for*

*all that You've done for me*

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Jeremy Riddle | Josh Farro | Phil Wickham

**Bible Readings**

**Psalm 84**1 How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

2 My soul longs, indeed it faints

for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

3 Even the sparrow finds a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

4 Happy are those who live in your house,

ever singing your praise.

5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

6 As they go through the valley of Baca

they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools.

7 They go from strength to strength;

the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

give ear, O God of Jacob!

9 Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed.

10 For a day in your courts is better

than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than live in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

he bestows favour and honour.

No good thing does the Lord withhold

from those who walk uprightly.

12 O Lord of hosts,

happy is everyone who trusts in you.

**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 – *Ephesians 4: 7-13***

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said, ‘When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.’

(When it says, ‘He ascended’, what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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**

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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**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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