

Morning Prayer 22.05.2022 – Annual Meeting Sunday

'I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.' *Psalms 130:5*

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 – Be Thou My Vision

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

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.

Bible Readings

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.
7 May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**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 17: 20-37

²⁰ Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; ²¹ nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.'

²² Then he said to the disciples, 'The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ They will say to you, "Look there!" or "Look here!" Do not go, do not set off in pursuit. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking, and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them. ²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all of them ³⁰—it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹ On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away; and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. ³² Remember Lot's wife. ³³ Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it. ³⁴ I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. ³⁵ There will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken and the other left.' ³⁷ Then they asked him, 'Where, Lord?' He said to them, 'Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Talk

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.
Amen.**

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

*You go before me
You're there beside me.....*

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. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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