**Morning Prayer 05.05.24**

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**

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 whoa

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free…*

How great the chasm that lay between us

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

*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*

**Bible Readings**

**Psalm – Psalm 98**

**1**O sing to the Lord a new song,  
    for he has done marvellous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
    have gained him victory.  
**2**The Lord has made known his victory;  
    he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.  
**3**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
    to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
    the victory of our God.

**4**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
    break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
**5**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
    with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
**6**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
    make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

**7**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
    the world and those who live in it.  
**8**Let the floods clap their hands;  
    let the hills sing together for joy  
**9**at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
    to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
    and the peoples with equity.

**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 – John 15: 9-17**

**9**As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. **10**If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. **11**I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

**12**‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13**No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. **14**You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15**I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. **16**You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. **17**I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**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**

**Blessing**

May Christ,

who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,

fill you with his new life;

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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