

## Morning Prayer 16.06.24

"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 – 10000 Reasons

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul...*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul...*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul...*

### Bible reading

#### Psalm 20

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!  
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!  
<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary,  
and give you support from Zion.  
<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings,  
and regard with favour your burnt sacrifices.  
<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire,  
and fulfil all your plans.  
<sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your victory,  
and in the name of our God set up our banners.  
May the Lord fulfil all your petitions.

- <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with mighty victories by his right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,  
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They will collapse and fall,  
but we shall rise and stand upright.
- <sup>9</sup> Give victory to the king, O Lord;  
answer us when we call.

**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.**

#### **Mark 4: 26-34**

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**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**

## **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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