

Morning Prayer 01.12.24

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

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes yeah

I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing

*Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest*

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith

I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees

Hosanna hosanna...

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have
loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's
cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

Hosanna hosanna...

Advent Candle Prayers

As we light our advent candle

Light of the world, shine on us.

As we prepare for Christmas time

Light of the world, shine on us.

In this world of pain and darkness,

Light of the world, shine through us.

To all the people who don't know you,

Light of the world, shine through us.

Jesus you are coming again,

Light of the world, light the way.

In our service here today

Light of the world, light the way.

Bible Reading – Psalm 25: 1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

8 Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

Bible reading – Luke 21: 25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell

you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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**

News

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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