

Morning Prayer 02.02.25

"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 – Lamb of God

Scenes of mountain grandeur creation's majesty
The glory of a sunrise shining over me
But the single greatest wonder my soul has ever seen
Is the Lamb of God on Calvary

Blazing stars that reach me from distant galaxies
The oceans they are speaking magnificence so deep
But still the greatest wonder my soul has ever seen
Is the Lamb of God on Calvary

*Behold the Son of God who takes away our sin
Behold His perfect sacrifice
Behold the wounds of grace upon His hands and feet
Oh the Lamb of God on Calvary*

Heaven holds a welcome to all that's now unseen
Your love will be my anthem for all eternity
And the most enduring wonder my soul will ever see
Is the Lamb who conquered Calvary
Oh the Lamb of God our victory

Behold the Son of God who takes away our sin...

Isn't He worthy
Isn't He worthy
Forever worthy the Lamb who was slain
Isn't He worthy
Isn't He worthy
Forever worthy the Lamb who was slain
We give You the glory
We give You the glory
All of the glory to the Lamb who was slain
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Behold the Son of God who takes away our sin...

Bible readings
Psalm 24: 7-10

- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
- ⁸ Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
- ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be for ever. Amen**

Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

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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