**Morning Prayer 20.04.25**

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 – Happy Day**

*And oh happy day happy day…*

Oh what a glorious day

What a glorious way

That You have saved me

And oh what a glorious day

What a glorious Name

*And oh happy day happy day…*

The greatest day in history

Death is beaten You have rescued me

Sing it out Jesus is alive

The empty cross the empty grave

Life Eternal You have won the day

Shout it out Jesus is alive

He's alive

*And oh happy day happy day*

*You washed my sin away*

*Oh happy day happy day*

*I'll never be the same*

*Forever I am changed*

When I stand in that place

Free at last meeting face to face

I am Yours Jesus You are mine

Endless joy perfect peace

Earthly pain finally will cease

Celebrate Jesus is alive

He's alive

**Bible Readings**

**Psalm – Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

**1**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
 his steadfast love endures for ever!

**2**Let Israel say,

‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

**14**The Lord is my strength and my might;  
 he has become my salvation.

**15**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
 ‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;  
**16** the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
    the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’  
**17** I shall not die, but I shall live,  
    and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
**18**The Lord has punished me severely,  
    but he did not give me over to death.

**19**Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
    that I may enter through them  
    and give thanks to the Lord.

**20**This is the gate of the Lord;  
    the righteous shall enter through it.

**21**I thank you that you have answered me  
    and have become my salvation.  
**22**The stone that the builders rejected  
    has become the chief cornerstone.  
**23**This is the Lord’s doing;  
    it is marvellous in our eyes.  
**24**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
    let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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 24: 1-12**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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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