**Morning Prayer 01.06.25**

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 – Holy Forever**

Your name is the highest

Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions

Your name stands above them all

**And the angels cry Holy**

**All creation cries Holy**

**You are lifted high Holy**

**Holy forever**

**Hear Your people sing Holy**

**To the King of Kings Holy**

**You will always be Holy**

**Holy forever**

A thousand generations falling down in worship

To sing the song of ages to the Lamb

And all who've gone before us

And all who will believe

Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest

Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions

All powers and positions

Your name stands above them all

**And the angels cry Holy**

**All creation cries Holy**

**You are lifted high Holy**

**Holy forever**

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb

We'll sing the song forever and amen

**And the angels cry Holy**

**All creation cries Holy**

**You are lifted high Holy**

**Holy forever**

**Hear Your people sing Holy**

**To the King of Kings Holy**

**You will always be Holy**

**Holy forever**

**Psalm 97**

1The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
    let the many coastlands be glad!
2Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
    righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
3Fire goes before him,
    and consumes his adversaries on every side.
4His lightnings light up the world;
    the earth sees and trembles.
5The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
    before the Lord of all the earth.

6The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
    and all the peoples behold his glory.
7All worshippers of images are put to shame,
    those who make their boast in worthless idols;
    all gods bow down before him.
8Zion hears and is glad,
    and the towns of Judah rejoice,
    because of your judgements, O God.
9For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
    you are exalted far above all gods.

10The Lord loves those who hate evil;
    he guards the lives of his faithful;
    he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
11Light dawns for the righteous,
    and joy for the upright in heart.
12Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
    and give thanks to his holy name!

**New Testament Reading – Acts 1: 1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginninguntil the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me;for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

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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