

# 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

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**

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## **Psalm 97**

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him,  
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- <sup>4</sup> His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
and all the peoples behold his glory.
- <sup>7</sup> All worshippers of images are put to shame,  
those who make their boast in worthless idols;  
all gods bow down before him.
- <sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad,  
and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O God.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
he guards the lives of his faithful;  
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice 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 beginning until 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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