

## Morning Prayer 07.12.25

"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 – Glory in the Highest

You alone are worthy  
You alone deserve the highest praise  
We bow down to worship  
We bow down to seek You in this place

As we bow down  
Be lifted high  
As we bow down  
Be lifted high

*We sing glory glory in the highest  
Glory in the highest glory to our God  
(REPEAT)*

*We sing glory glory in the highest...*

For Your love and mercy  
For the beauty of Your saving grace  
We have come to thank You  
We have come to worship You today

*We sing glory glory in the highest...*

### Advent Candle Prayer

Each week in Advent we light a candle to remind us that Jesus brings light and hope into our world. No matter how uncertain or chaotic the world may seem, that light still shines through.

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.**

**Psalm 72: 1-7**

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
<sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.  
<sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.  
<sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
<sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.  
<sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**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.**

**Bible reading – Matthew 3: 1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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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