

# Morning Prayer 18.01.26

“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  
We give You the glory  
We give You the glory  
All of the glory to the Lamb who was slain

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

## Bible Readings

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 10: 1-12

<sup>1</sup> Why, O Lord, do you stand far off?  
    Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

<sup>2</sup> In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor—  
    let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

<sup>3</sup> For the wicked boast of the desires of their heart,  
    those greedy for gain curse and renounce the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> In the pride of their countenance the wicked say, ‘God will not seek it out’;  
    all their thoughts are, ‘There is no God.’

<sup>5</sup> Their ways prosper at all times;  
    your judgements are on high, out of their sight;  
    as for their foes, they scoff at them.

<sup>6</sup> They think in their heart, ‘We shall not be moved;  
    throughout all generations we shall not meet adversity.’

<sup>7</sup> Their mouths are filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;  
    under their tongues are mischief and iniquity.

<sup>8</sup> They sit in ambush in the villages;  
    in hiding-places they murder the innocent.  
Their eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;

<sup>9</sup>   they lurk in secret like a lion in its covert;  
they lurk that they may seize the poor;  
    they seize the poor and drag them off in their net.

<sup>10</sup> They stoop, they crouch,  
    and the helpless fall by their might.

<sup>11</sup> They think in their heart, ‘God has forgotten,  
    he has hidden his face, he will never see it.’

<sup>12</sup> Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;  
    do not forget the oppressed.

**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 – John 1: 29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher),

‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

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.**

## **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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