**Morning Prayer 06.09.2020**

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him. *Nahum 1.7*

**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 – Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

*My chains are gone…*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow

The sun forbear to shine

But God who called me here below

Will be forever mine

Will be forever mine

You are forever mine

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone I've been set free*

*My God my Savior has ransomed me*

*And like a flood His mercy rains*

*Unending love amazing grace*

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**Bible Readings**

***Psalm 149***

**1**Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
    his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
**2**Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
    let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
**3**Let them praise his name with dancing,
    making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
**4**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
    he adorns the humble with victory.
**5**Let the faithful exult in glory;
    let them sing for joy on their couches.
**6**Let the high praises of God be in their throats
    and two-edged swords in their hands,
**7**to execute vengeance on the nations
    and punishment on the peoples,
**8**to bind their kings with fetters
    and their nobles with chains of iron,
**9**to execute on them the judgement decreed.
    This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!

**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.**

**Gospel – *Matthew 18.15-20***

**15**‘If another member of the churchsins against you,go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. **16**But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. **17**If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. **18**Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. **19**Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. **20**For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection**

**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.**

**Notices**

**Song – Before the throne of God above**

Behold Him there the risen Lamb

My perfect spotless righteousness

The great unchangeable I Am

The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die

My soul is purchased with His blood

My life is hid with Christ on high

With Christ my Saviour and my God

With Christ my Saviour and my God

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong and perfect plea

A great High Priest whose name is Love

Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair

And tells me of the guilt within

Upward I look and see Him there

Who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died

My sinful soul is counted free

For God the Just is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me

To look on Him and pardon me

**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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