**Morning Prayer 20.09.2020**

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? *Isaiah 43:18-19*

**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 – This is Amazing Grace**

Who brings our chaos back into order

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter

The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice

Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance

The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace…*

*Bridge*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain*

*Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (repeat)*

*Worthy worthy worthy*

*This is amazing grace…*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness

Whose love is mighty and so much stronger

The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder

Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder

The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace*

*This is unfailing love*

*That You would take my place*

*That You would bear my cross*

*You laid down Your life*

*That I would be set free*

*Oh Jesus I sing for*

*all that You've done for me*

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**Bible Readings**

***Psalm 65***

**1**Praise is due to you,
    O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
**2**    O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
**3**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
    you forgive our transgressions.
**4**Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
    to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
    your holy temple.

**5**By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
    O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
    and of the farthest seas.
**6**By yourstrength you established the mountains;
    you are girded with might.
**7**You silence the roaring of the seas,
    the roaring of their waves,
    the tumult of the peoples.
**8**Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

**9**You visit the earth and water it,
    you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
    you provide the people with grain,
    for so you have prepared it.
**10**You water its furrows abundantly,
    settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
    and blessing its growth.
**11**You crown the year with your bounty;
    your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
**12**The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
    the hills gird themselves with joy,
**13**the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
    the valleys deck themselves with grain,
    they shout and sing together for joy.

**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 – *Luke 12:16-30 (The Message translation)***

**16-19**Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’

**20**“Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’

**21**“That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

**22-24**He continued this subject with his disciples. “Don’t fuss about what’s on the table at mealtimes or if the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your inner life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the ravens, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, carefree in the care of God. And you count far more.

**25-28**“Has anyone by fussing before the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? If fussing can’t even do that, why fuss at all? Walk into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They don’t fuss with their appearance—but have you ever seen colour and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. If God gives such attention to the wildflowers, most of them never even seen, don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you?

**29-32**“What I’m trying to do here is get you to relax, not be so preoccupied with *getting* so you can respond to God’s *giving*. People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep yourself in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. Don’t be afraid of missing out. You’re my dearest friends! The Father wants to give you the very kingdom itself.

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 – The Splendour of the King**

And age to age He stands

And time is in His hands

Beginning and the End

Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one

Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb

The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge

Name above all names

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing

How great is our God

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Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jesse Reeves

The splendour of the King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

And trembles at His voice

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

How great is our God

**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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