# Morning Prayer 14.01.24

"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 - How Great is our God

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

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

How great is our God...

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

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How great is our God...

## **Bible Readings**

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 139: 1-9

- <sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

- <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- <sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

- <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
  - if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea.

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: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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**

#### 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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