**Morning Prayer 25.02.24**

“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 – Living Hope**

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe

Out of the silence the Roaring Lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free…*

How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished the end is written

Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy

What heart could fathom such boundless grace

The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven

The King of kings calls me His own

Beautiful Saviour I’m Yours forever

Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free*

*Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me*

*You have broken every chain*

*There’s salvation in Your name*

*Jesus Christ my living hope*

**Bible Readings**

**Psalm – Psalm 22: 23-31**

**23**You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
    All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
    stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
**24**For he did not despise or abhor  
    the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,   
    but heard when I cried to him.

**25**From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
    my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
**26**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
    those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
    May your hearts live for ever!

**27**All the ends of the earth shall remember  
    and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
    shall worship before him.   
**28**For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
    and he rules over the nations.

**29**To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
    before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
    and I shall live for him.   
**30**Posterity will serve him;  
    future generations will be told about the Lord,  
**31**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
    saying that he has done it.

**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.**

**Old Testament reading – Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**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**

**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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