

## Morning Prayer 17.03.24

“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 – 10,000 Reasons

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul...*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul*

And on that day when my strength is  
failing  
The end draws near and my time has  
come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise  
unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul...*

### Bible Readings

#### Psalm – Psalm 91: 1-4

- <sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,<sup>[a]</sup>
- <sup>2</sup> will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.’
- <sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;
- <sup>4</sup> he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

**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 – Mark 12: 28-31**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

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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