# Morning Prayer 06.04.25

"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 – Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me Lord; thou my great Father and I thy true heir; thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my armour and be thou my might; thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower: raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise: thou mine inheritance through all my days; thou and thou only, the first in my heart; High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done, grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heav'n's sun! Christ of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

#### **Bible reading**

#### Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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

# Talk

#### **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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