**Morning Prayer 13.07.25**

“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 – Cornerstone**

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless stand before the throne

*Christ alone cornerstone…*

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

(REPEAT)

*Christ alone cornerstone*

*Weak made strong in the Saviour's love*

*Through the storm He is Lord*

*Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face

I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil

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*Christ alone cornerstone…*

**Bible reading**

**Psalm 82**

1 God has taken his place in the divine council;  
    in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:  
2 ‘How long will you judge unjustly  
    and show partiality to the wicked?  
3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan;  
    maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.  
4 Rescue the weak and the needy;  
    deliver them from the hand of the wicked.’

5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding,  
    they walk around in darkness;  
    all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 I say, ‘You are gods,  
    children of the Most High, all of you;  
7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
    and fall like any prince.’

8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth;  
    for all the nations belong to you!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and ever shall be for ever. Amen**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Exodus 20: 8-11**

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

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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