Summer Sabbath Morning Prayer 27th July 2025

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

Who is it that you seek?

We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Amen. Christ, have mercy.

Declaration of faith

To whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed and have come to know
that You are the Holy One of God.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.

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.

Readings

Psalm 85: 1-7

- ¹ Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.
- ³ You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
- ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation towards us.
- ⁵ Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- ⁶ Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Luke 11: 1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?

Prayers

At the end of each section we say:

Lord in Your mercy hear our prayer. Our prayers conclude with 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

Canticle

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me. Christ, as a shield overshadow me. Christ under me: Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

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