**Summer Sabbath Morning Prayer 17th August 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 – 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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**Readings**

**Psalm 80: 9-19**

9 You cleared the ground for it;  
    it took deep root and filled the land.  
10 The mountains were covered with its shade,  
    the mighty cedars with its branches;  
11 it sent out its branches to the sea,  
    and its shoots to the River.  
12 Why then have you broken down its walls,  
    so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?  
13 The boar from the forest ravages it,  
    and all that move in the field feed on it.

14 Turn again, O God of hosts;  
    look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,  
15     the stock that your right hand planted.   
16 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;   
    may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.  
17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
    the one whom you made strong for yourself.  
18 Then we will never turn back from you;  
    give us life, and we will call on your name.

19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
    let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**Hebrews 11: 29-12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.  
  
And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak,

Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.  
  
Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Talk**

**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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