Morning Prayer 19.10.25

"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 – Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed Sing the song forever to the Lamb If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name Sing the song forever to the Lamb We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy You will always be Holy Holy forever Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy You will always be Holy Holy forever

Bible reading

Psalm 119:97-104

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

- ⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.
- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.
- ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.
- ¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.
- ¹⁰²I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.
- ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- ¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

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

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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