

# Morning Worship

## 5 July

### ***Preparation***

O Lord, open our lips

***All*** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help

***All*** and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

### **Hymn     Jesus shall reign**

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Jesus shall reign where'er the  
sun  
doth his successive journeys  
run;  
his Kingdom stretch from shore  
to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane  
no more.

To him shall endless prayer be  
made,  
and praises throng to crown his  
head;  
his name like sweet perfume  
shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every  
tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest  
song;

and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his  
name.

Blessings abound where'er he  
reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his  
chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are  
blest.

Let every creature rise and  
bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs  
again,  
and earth repeat the long  
Amen.

Isaac Watts  
based on Psalm 72

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All** **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**  
**we have sinned against you**  
**and against our neighbour**  
**in thought and word and deed,**  
**through negligence, through weakness,**  
**through our own deliberate fault.**  
**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**who died for us,**  
**forgive us all that is past**  
**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**  
**to the glory of your name.**  
**Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

*This opening prayer may be said*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

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.

**All** **Amen.**

# ***The Word of God***

## **Psalmody**

### **Psalm 145.1-15,22**

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ♦  
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you ♦  
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ♦  
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another ♦  
and declare your mighty acts.
- 5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, ♦  
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, ♦  
and I will also tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness ♦  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦  
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone ♦  
and his mercy is over all his creatures.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, ♦  
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom ♦  
and speak of your mighty power,
- 12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts ♦  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; ♦  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

- 14 The Lord is sure in all his words ♦  
and faithful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

**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.**

## Scripture Readings

### **Zechariah 9.9-12**

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the war-horses from Jerusalem,

and the battle-bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn All heaven declares**

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All heaven declares  
the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare  
with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship him alone.

I will proclaim  
the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain  
to reconcile us to God.  
Forever you will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship you alone.

Noel & Tricia Richards

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**Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30**

<sup>16</sup> 'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others:

<sup>17</sup> "We played the pipe for you,  
and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge,  
and you did not mourn."

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.'

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> 'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*This responsory may be used*

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.

**All And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**All Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

## **Gospel Canticle**

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said*

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.

- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68–79*

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.

## The Sermon

*(Please see separate page.)*

## The Creed

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Hymn** I heard the voice of Jesus say [Listen here](#)

I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay  
down  
thy head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him my resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'Behold I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my  
soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall  
rise,  
and all thy day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk,  
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar

## **Prayers**

*Intercessions are offered.*

*The Collect / Prayer for Today is said*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**OR**

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**OR**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

## Hymn     How sweet the name

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How sweet the name of Jesus  
sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals  
our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit  
whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I  
build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother,  
Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my  
End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love  
proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton

## ***The Conclusion***

### **The Blessing**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

*All*    **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

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