

Morning Prayer on Monday, 21 July 2025

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All

Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 103.8-18

1

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ♦
slow to anger and of great kindness.

2

He will not always accuse us, ♦
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

3

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ♦
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

4

For as the heavens are high above the earth, ♦
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

5

As far as the east is from the west, ♦
so far has he set our sins from us.

6

As a father has compassion on his children, ♦
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

7

For he knows of what we are made; ♦
he remembers that we are but dust.

8

Our days are but as grass; ♦
we flourish as a flower of the field;

9

For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone, ♦
and its place shall know it no more.

10

But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old
and endures for ever on those who fear him, ♦
and his righteousness on children's children;

11

On those who keep his covenant ♦
and remember his commandments to do them.

All

**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 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

Psalm 98

Refrain:

The Lord has made known his salvation.

1

Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦
for he has done marvellous things.

2

His own right hand and his holy arm ♦
have won for him the victory.

3

The Lord has made known his salvation; ♦
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the
nations.

4

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel, ♦
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of
our God. *R*

5

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ♦
break into singing and make music.

6

Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ♦
with the lyre and the voice of melody.

7

With trumpets and the sound of the horn ♦
sound praises before the Lord, the King. *R*

8

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, ♦
the world and all that dwell upon it.

9

Let the rivers clap their hands ♦
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

10

In righteousness shall he judge the world ♦
and the peoples with equity.

Refrain:

The Lord has made known his salvation.

Lord God, just and true,

*you make your salvation known in the sight of
the nations; tune the song of our hearts to the
music of creation as you come among us to
judge the earth;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Psalm 99

1

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; ♦
he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth
shake.

2

The Lord is great in Zion ♦
and high above all peoples.

3

Let them praise your name, which is great and
awesome; ♦
the Lord our God is holy.

4

Mighty king, who loves justice,
you have established equity; ♦
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5

Exalt the Lord our God; ♦
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6

Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name, ♦
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

7

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; ♦
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave
them.

8

You answered them, O Lord our God; ♦
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.

9

*Exalt the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill, ♦
for the Lord our God is holy.*

*Lord God, mighty king,
you love justice and establish equity;
may we love justice more than gain
and mercy more than power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

All

**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**

All

**All the earth, shout and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

2 Corinthians 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who

rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted to us through the prayers of many.

Indeed, this is our boast, the testimony of our conscience: we have behaved in the world with frankness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God—and all the more towards you. For we write to you nothing other than what you can read and also understand; I hope you will understand until the end—as you have already understood us in part—that on the day of the Lord Jesus we are your boast even as you are our boast.

Refrain:

All

**You have set us free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous in your sight.**

Short Reflection

2 Corinthians 1:1-14

Key Themes and Reflections:

- **God as the Source of Comfort:**
Paul opens by praising God as the "God of all comfort" who comforts believers in all their troubles. This theme of God's comforting presence in suffering is central to the passage.

- **Sharing Comfort:**
God's comfort is not just for personal experience, but also for sharing with others. Believers are called to be conduits of God's comfort to those who are struggling.
- **Paul's Integrity:**
Paul defends himself against accusations of being fickle or insincere. He clarifies that his change in plans regarding visiting the Corinthians was a result of seeking their best interest and responding to God's leading.
- **Sincerity and Simplicity:**
Paul emphasizes his commitment to living with sincerity and simplicity, both in his personal conduct and in his ministry.
- **Boasting in the Lord:**
Paul expresses his confidence that the Corinthians will eventually understand his actions and be able to boast in him, just as he boasts in them, on the day of the Lord.
- **Spiritual Growth:**
Paul's actions and words are aimed at fostering spiritual growth and maturity in the Corinthian church. He desires their joy and faithfulness, and his approach is shaped by his love for them.
- **Suffering and Faith:**
Paul connects his own suffering with the suffering of

Christ, suggesting that believers should expect to experience hardship as part of their faith. This suffering, however, is ultimately for the benefit of others and for God's glory.

All

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

In faith, we bring before our Heavenly Father, our prayers for the church, the world and those whom we love. We each have our own individual relationship with Jesus, be it like Martha or Mary, but it is one of complete faith. It is in that faith that we are confident our prayers are heard and lovingly answered.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, we worship and praise you, together with our Christian brothers and sisters across the world. Protect and strengthen all those who are

persecuted for their faith. With all your church, we pray for those who are longing and yearning for freedom. Guide us and them, as we seek to grow in our faith, that we may be led by the Spirit. For those who feel you promoting them to go forward for training in lay ministry or ordination, give them the confidence to know it is your will for them.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, your world is a busy place and its leaders worry and grumble about so many things. Teach them the things that are necessary: justice for the oppressed and exploited; compassion for the hungry and destitute; peace between individuals, communities and nations. Give to those in authority the revelation that Christ is Lord of all, that He may rule in their hearts and direct their power into the way of love.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Saviour God, people often lead very busy lives, worrying unnecessarily about so many things. Teach them the things that are necessary: health and loving relationships; purpose and spiritual depth in life; caring for those who need comfort and help. Give us and them the blessing of quietness and time for reflection to be close to you.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Spirit of God, your church is often a busy community, rushing around, making arrangements, planning events. Teach your church the things that are necessary: a joyful and obedient faith in you; a self-giving love for this parish and the wider community; unity in love for one another.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, the caring and medical profession is often a busy place, stretched to the limit, time poor with limited resources. Teach those with the power to implement change, the things that are necessary: provision for adequate funding; skilled and knowledgeable staff; a loving attitude when caring for the sick, the lonely, the mentally ill and the dying.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father of all, in all the busyness of life may there be a time for quiet reflection, a sense of peace and the comfort of your presence for those whose lives are drawing to a close. Teach us and those who mourn, the things that are necessary: appreciation for a life well lived; confidence that those who have died in faith are now welcomed into your eternity; and the trust that we may in turn share with them the joy of living with you forever.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Thank you Lord, for the hope you have given us through Christ. As we go forward this week, may our homes be places of welcome and hospitality, and in our daily lives give us space to be still and be aware of your presence, so that we may be effective in spreading the Good News.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour 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.**

The Conclusion

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.

