

Morning Prayer on Monday, 28 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.

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 123

Refrain:

Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.

1

To you I lift up my eyes, ♦
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.

2

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their
master, ♦
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3

So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, ♦
until he have mercy upon us. *R*

4

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, ♦
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

5

Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the
arrogant, ♦
and of the contempt of the proud.

Refrain:

Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.

*Sovereign God, enthroned in the heavens,
look upon us with your eyes of mercy,
as we look on you with humility and love,
and fill our souls with your peace
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Psalm 124

Refrain:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

1

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, ♦
now may Israel say;

2

If the Lord had not been on our side, ♦
when enemies rose up against us;

3

Then would they have swallowed us alive ♦
when their anger burned against us;

4

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over our soul; ♦
over our soul would have swept the raging waters. *R*

5

But blessed be the Lord ♦
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

6

Our soul has escaped
as a bird from the snare of the fowler; ♦
the snare is broken and we are delivered.

7

Our help is in the name of the Lord, ♦
who has made heaven and earth.

Refrain:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*O God, maker of heaven and earth,
you save us in the water of baptism
and by the suffering of your Son you set us
free;
help us to put our trust in his victory
and to know the salvation won for us
by 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.**

Refrain:

All

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

Isaiah 12.2-6

1

‘Behold, God is my salvation; ♦

I will trust and will not be afraid;

2

‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song, ♦
and has become my salvation.’

3

With joy you will draw water ♦
from the wells of salvation.

4

On that day you will say, ♦
‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

5

‘Make known his deeds among the nations, ♦
proclaim that his name is exalted.

6

‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously; ♦
let this be known in all the world.

7

‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion, ♦
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

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 6.1 - 7.1

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,
'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship is there between light and darkness? What agreement does Christ have with Beliar? Or what does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

‘I will live in them and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

Therefore come out from them,
and be separate from them, says the Lord,
and touch nothing unclean;
then I will welcome you,
and I will be your father,
and you shall be my sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty.’

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

***This is the Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God***

Short Reflection

2 Corinthians 6:1 - 7:1 emphasizes living a life worthy of God's grace by avoiding ungodly partnerships and pursuing holiness. This passage encourages a life of integrity, marked by sincerity, love, and a commitment to God's truth.

- **Receiving God's Grace in Vain:**
2 Corinthians 6:1 urges believers not to receive God's grace in a superficial way, but to live in a manner that reflects its transformative power. This means actively responding to God's love and mercy in humble obedience and seizing every opportunity to please Him.
- **Separation from the World:**
2 Corinthians 6:14-18 emphasizes the importance of separating oneself from the world's ungodly influences. This separation is not merely physical, but also involves resisting worldly temptations and aligning oneself with God's will.
- **Holiness and Purity:**
2 Corinthians 7:1 connects the promises of God with the call to cleanse oneself from all defilement of body and spirit. This pursuit of holiness is a response to God's grace and a demonstration of one's faith.

- **Paradoxes of the Christian Life:**
2 Corinthians 6:10 highlights the paradoxes of the Christian life, such as being sorrowful yet rejoicing, poor yet making others rich. These seemingly contradictory states are overcome through faith and reliance on God's power.
- **God's Power and the Believer's Role:**
The passage acknowledges the power of God working through believers. It emphasizes the importance of using the "weapons of righteousness" – truth, love, and purity – in both defense and attack against sin.
- **Reconciliation and Restoration:**
Throughout the passage, there's a sense of reconciliation and restoration, both with God and with each other. Paul's desire to rebuild relationships damaged by suspicion and false reports is evident. He calls for honesty, integrity, and a willingness to overcome past hurts.

from Proverbs 3

All

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge him
and he will make straight your paths.

Refrain:

All

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

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.**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught His disciples and us to pray saying:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Father God, direct all our living; all that we think, say,
and do. May your name never be a curse or a
blasphemy on our lips but always a name that is loved,
honoured and praised; and may the way that we speak
of You move our world closer to a heavenly kingdom
on earth.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Your kingdom come.

Mighty God, we pray that You will strengthen our
ministry team and all church leaders as we seek to
share our faith. Keep our churches strong and growing
and help us to encourage others to take up the
Christian faith through our worship and social events.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Gracious God, sometimes we find this very difficult to accept, especially when some is seriously ill or dying, but we pray for those we know who are ill or have died asking that your will not ours be done. In a moment of silence please bring before God those on our hearts at this moment.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Creator God, in a world of greed and selfish desires may we see that we are sustained only by your wonderful provision. May our eagerness to acquire material possessions pale in comparison to our joy in the wonderful gift of Your Son to be our Saviour.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Merciful God, how easy it sometimes is for us to ask for forgiveness and yet at the same time refuse forgiveness for those who perpetrate acts of terrorism and war. Be with world leaders as they seek solutions to areas of conflict. We pray for areas known to us....

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Almighty God, protect us from the constant dangers and enticing temptations we face each day. Deliver us from the oppressive evils of apathy, addiction, and abuse.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are
Yours forever and ever.

Everlasting God, we make all these requests because
You are King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Alpha and
Omega, beginning and end.

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

The Collect of the day is said

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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.