**Morning Prayer 24.03.24**

“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 – Hosanna (Praise is Rising)**

Hear the sound of  
Hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your Kingdom  
Broken lives are made new  
You make us new

*Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

Hosanna hosanna

Praise is rising  
Eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away  
(Washed away)

*Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

**Bible Readings**

**Psalm – Psalm 31: 9-16**

**9**Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
    my eye wastes away from grief,  
    my soul and body also.  
**10**For my life is spent with sorrow,  
    and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+31&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-14342b)]  
    and my bones waste away.

**11**I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
    a horror[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+31&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-14343c)] to my neighbours,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
    those who see me in the street flee from me.  
**12**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
    I have become like a broken vessel.  
**13**For I hear the whispering of many—  
    terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
    as they plot to take my life.

**14**But I trust in you, O Lord;  
    I say, ‘You are my God.’  
**15**My times are in your hand;  
    deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
**16**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
    save me in your steadfast love.

**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 – Mark 11: 1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**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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