

## **MORNING PRAYER**

**8th May 2022**

### **PREPARATION**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

**All** **and also with you.**

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.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

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** **Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

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

**All** **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

**All** for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All** and in our song will we praise our God.

### *Hymn*

The Lord's My Shepherd

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

#### **A SONG OF DAVID**

**All** 1 I will take you from the nations,  
and gather you from all the countries.

**All** 2 I will sprinkle clean water upon you,  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

**All** 3 A new heart I will give you,  
and put a new spirit within you,

**All** 4 And I will remove from your body the heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh.

**All** 5 You shall be my people,  
and I will be your God.

### FIRST READING

#### **Acts 9: 36- end**

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then

he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### *Hymn*

I heard the voice of Jesus say

### SECOND READING

#### **John 10: 22-30**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### THE BENEDICTUS (THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH)

- All**
- 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.**

***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.**

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THE CREED

***All***   **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.**

*Reflective hymn*

Be still for the presence of the Lord

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**All** Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### NOTICES

#### *Hymn*

As the deer pants

### 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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