

Morning Prayer

09/08/20

Words of Preparation

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

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Song: Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:

Chorus:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice! Again I say: rejoice!

Jesus the saviour reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:

Chorus

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:

Chorus

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet:

Chorus

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,

And take his servants up
To their eternal home:

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound: rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice! Again I say: rejoice!

Prayer of confession

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.

Reading: Psalm 34

Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelek, who drove him away, and he left.

- ¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
- ² I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- ³ Glorify the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
- ⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

- 11 Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
- 13 keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;
16 but the face of the Lord is against those who do
evil,
to blot out their name from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is close to the broken-hearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- 19 The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all;
20 he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.
- 21 Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The Lord will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be
condemned.

Te Deum Laudamus - A Song of the Church

- 1 We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
- 2 all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.
- 3 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless
praise:
- 4 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
- 5 The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
- 6 The white-robed army of martyrs praise
you.
Throughout the world the holy Church
acclaims you:
- 7 **Father, of majesty unbounded,**

**your true and only Son, worthy of all
praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

- 8 You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
- 9 When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
- 10 You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.
- 11 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our
judge.
- 12 **Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all
comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so
that we can comfort those in any trouble with the
comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as
we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so
also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6 If we are
distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we
are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces
in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we
suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we
know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also
you share in our comfort.

Talk

1 Samuel 21:10-22:2

10 That day David fled from Saul and went to Achish
king of Gath. 11 But the servants of Achish said to
him, 'Isn't this David, the king of the land? Isn't he
the one they sing about in their dances:

“Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands”?’

¹² David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of Achish king of Gath. ¹³ So he feigned insanity in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.

¹⁴ Achish said to his servants, ‘Look at the man! He is insane! Why bring him to me? ¹⁵ Am I so short of madmen that you have to bring this fellow here to carry on like this in front of me? Must this man come into my house?’

22 David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father’s household heard about it, they went down to him there. ² All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered round him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him.

Prayers:

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer**

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

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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. Amen.

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.

Song: Through all the changing scenes of life

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
Who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love,
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight,
Your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

The Grace

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of the of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.