

Morning Prayer for 29th July 2020 – Feast of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of our Lord

You may wish to light a candle while we pray

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth;
Psalm 46 v10

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.

Psalm 84:1-7

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion

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.

Bible Reading – John 12:1 - 8

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany,
where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served,
while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive
perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with
her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the
perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to
betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the
money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did
not say this because he cared about the poor but because he
was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help
himself to what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she
should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will
always have the poor among you, but you will not always have
me."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger;
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

*Space will be left for personal intercessory prayer – either silent
or out loud.*

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

We say together the prayer which Jesus taught us;

**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.**

The 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.

Please do stay on for virtual coffee and a catch up if you can.



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