

## Morning Prayer for 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

*You may wish to light a candle while we pray*

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,  
Who walk in obedience to him.

Psalm 128:1

### 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 128

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,  
who walk in obedience to him.

<sup>2</sup> You will eat the fruit of your labour;  
blessings and prosperity will be yours.

<sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
round your table.

<sup>4</sup> Yes, this will be the blessing  
for the man who fears the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> May the LORD bless you from Zion;  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

<sup>6</sup> May you live to see your children's children –  
peace be on Israel.

**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 – Mark 5:35 - 43**

<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. 'Your daughter is dead,' they said. 'Why bother the teacher anymore?'

<sup>36</sup> Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'

<sup>37</sup> He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.' <sup>40</sup> But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, '*Talitha koum!*' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!').

<sup>42</sup> Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

<sup>43</sup> He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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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