

## Morning Prayer for 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 5:11

### 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 5: 1 – 3 &, 11 - 18

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offences.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>11</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>12</sup> Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

<sup>13</sup> Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you.

<sup>15</sup> Deliver me from death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.

<sup>16</sup> Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

<sup>17</sup> Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

<sup>18</sup> The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**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: Matthew 6: 1, 5-6 & 16-21**

Jesus said to the disciples,

<sup>1</sup> 'Beware of practising your piety before others  
in order to be seen by them;  
for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>5</sup> Whenever you pray,  
do not be like the hypocrites;  
for they love to stand and pray  
in the synagogues and at the street corners,  
so that they may be seen by others.  
Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

<sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray,  
go into your room and shut the door  
and pray to your Father who is in secret;  
and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> And whenever you fast,  
do not look dismal, like the hypocrites,  
for they disfigure their faces  
so as to show others that they are fasting.  
Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

<sup>17</sup> But when you fast,  
put oil on your head and wash your face,  
<sup>18</sup> so that your fasting may be seen not by others  
but by your Father who is in secret;  
and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.  
<sup>19</sup> Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and rust consume  
and where thieves break in and steal;  
<sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor rust consumes  
and where thieves do not break in and steal.  
<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Prayers**

Holy God,  
our lives are laid open before you:  
rescue us from the chaos of sin  
and through the death of your Son  
bring us healing and make us whole  
in 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.*

