

## Morning Prayer for 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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

<sup>9</sup> Exalt the LORD our God  
and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalm 99:9

### 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 99

<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns,  
let the nations tremble;  
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,  
let the earth shake.  
<sup>2</sup> Great is the LORD in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the nations.  
<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name—  
he is holy.  
<sup>4</sup> The King is mighty, he loves justice—  
you have established equity;  
in Jacob you have done

what is just and right.

<sup>5</sup> Exalt the LORD our God  
and worship at his footstool;  
he is holy.

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel was among those who called on his name;  
they called on the LORD  
and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

<sup>8</sup> LORD our God,  
you answered them;  
you were to Israel a forgiving God,  
though you punished their misdeeds.

<sup>9</sup> Exalt the LORD our God  
and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the LORD our God is holy.

**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 13:44-46**

**The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl**

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.  
When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went  
and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for  
fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away  
and sold everything he had and bought it.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Prayers**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
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.*

