

**Tuesday Morning  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

We will proclaim the name of the Lord.  
**Ascribe greatness to our God.**

Deuteronomy 32.3

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

*The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Mercy*

God who is rich in mercy:  
out of the great love with which he loved us,  
Even when we were dead through our trespasses:  
made us alive together with Christ,  
And raised us up with him:  
and made us sit with him  
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,  
That he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace:  
in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2.4–7

*The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

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.**

Lord, our God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier: we ask you to cleanse us from all hypocrisy, to unite us to our fellow men and women by the bonds of peace and love, and to confirm us in holiness; now and for ever. **Amen.**

**John 11:17 - 37**

**Jesus the Resurrection and the Life**

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'<sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on

the last day.’<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’<sup>27</sup> She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

### **Jesus Weeps**

28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

### *7 The Canticle, A Song of the Blessed*

Blessed are the poor in spirit:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn:  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for what is right:  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful:  
for mercy shall be shown to them.

Blessed are the pure in heart:  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted  
for righteousness’ sake:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3–10

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, whose beloved Son for our sake willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross: give us courage and patience to take up our cross daily and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **When Peace Like A River. – MP 757**

*Being aware that we come together from the myriad complexities, joys and concerns of our families and ministries let us pray in peace and consider our concerns in a moment of silence....*

*... we remember that what ever our current situation we are held within the hands of God.*

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well, (it is well),  
With my soul, (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

*We pray for those we love and serve, those who struggle for freedom and justice, for the hungry, the oppressed and those who lack even the most basic requisites of life...*

*... and all who's concerns lie heavily on our hearts.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

*Refrain*

*We pray for those caught in addiction, for those we find it hard to love and forgive  
and we meditate, in silence, on our own imperfections...*

*... and we pray for all who struggle to forgive themselves or accept God's  
forgiveness.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*Refrain*

*In silence we pray for those who have lost purpose, hope and direction, those  
coming to terms with loss and grief, those currently facing end of life decisions for  
their loved ones ...*

*...or themselves ....*

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:  
If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,  
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

*Refrain*

*We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith... pastors, teachers,  
nurturers of our souls... those with whom we have laughed and cried ... those  
who have shared life's journey*

*... and we remember that our true longing , our true homecoming, is with you.*

But Lord, its for You, for Your coming we wait,  
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;  
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!  
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul.

*Refrain*

Words – Horatio gates Spafford  
(1828-88)  
Music – Philip Paul Bliss (1838-76)

Lord and heavenly Father,

you have brought us safely to this new day:  
keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,  
guard us from every kind of danger,  
and in all we do this day  
direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us,  
and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us  
peace. **Amen.** Numbers 6.24–26

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