

Thursday Morning

This is the message we have heard from Christ:
that God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

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

Opening Canticle: A Song of God's Herald

Go up to a high mountain herald of good tidings to Zion;
lift up your voice with strength, herald of good tidings to
Jerusalem.

Lift up your voice, fear not:
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'

See the Lord God, coming with power:
coming to rule with his mighty arm.

He brings his reward for the people of God:
the recompense for those who are saved.

God will feed his flock like a shepherd:
and gather the lambs in his arms;

He will hold them to his breast:
and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40:9-11

Opening Prayer

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

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**

Psalms as appointed

Prayer after Psalms

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers in his divine glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings as appointed

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

Canticle: The Hymn of the Word

**In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God,
And the Word was God: He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him:
and without him, was not anything made that was made.
In him was life: and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness:
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

He was in the world: and the world was made through him yet the world knew him not.

**He came to his own home:
and his own people received him not.**

**But to all who received him who believed on his name:
he has given power to become children of God;**

**Who were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh:
nor of the will of a man but of God.**

**And the Word became flesh:
and dwelt among us full of grace and truth;**

**We have beheld his glory:
glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

**And from his fullness have we all received:
and grace upon grace.**

John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16

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

Intercessions and Thanksgiving – you can use your own prayers or use some prayer points from this booklet

Morning Collect

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 us.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may do his will; and may he work in us that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever.

Amen

see Hebrews 13:20-21

Prayer List

This is a list of ideas of what to pray for at this time. Feel free to add your own here as a reminder!

For those in leadership. For strength, courage and health.

For the elderly and those who care for them.

For our lovely families with new born babies.

For the vulnerable living around us in South Melbourne.

For students and teachers as they manage disruption to learning and teaching.

For workers, for those whose hours have been reduced, who are working from home, or potentially losing jobs.

For the medical workers among us, for protection and peace as they serve.