

## MORNING PRAYER

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### OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Alleluia! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory. *Hebrews 13:15*

### MORNING PSALM – *Psalm 126*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

The they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.**

**Unison: Those who go our weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy,  
shouldering their sheaves.**

Closing Prayer: Faithful God, let the seeds of justice, which we have sown in tears, grow and increase in your sight. May we reap in joy the harvest for which we patiently hope, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Amen.**

### SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,

**And we will live this day in joy and praise.**

Eternal God, we praise you for your mighty love given in Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, and the new life we have received by his resurrection. Especially we thank you for the presence of Christ in our weakness and suffering....

the ministry of Word and Sacrament.....  
all who work to help and heal....  
sacrifices made for our benefit....  
opportunities for our generous giving.....  
other prayers of thanksgiving....

God of grace, let our concern for others reflect Christ's self-giving love, not only in our prayers, but also in our practice. Especially we pray for  
those subjected to tyranny and oppression....  
wounded and injured people....  
those who face death...  
those who may be our enemies...  
the church in Latin America...  
other prayers of intercession.....

Eternal God, you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISMISSAL

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**