

MORNING PRAYER
1/11/10

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips.
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Sealed with the sign of the Spirit, Jesus rises from the waters. The Baptizer knows him and foretells: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

MORNING PSALM – *Psalm 5*

Give ear to my words. O LORD; consider my mediation.

**Hearken to my cry for help, my Sovereign and my God,
for I make my prayer to you.**

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; early in the morning I make my appeal
and watch for you.

**For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,
And evil cannot dwell with you.**

Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; you hate all those who work wickedness.

**You destroy those who speak lies; the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you
abhor.**

But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house;
I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

**Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me;
make your way straight before me.**

For there is no truth in their mouths; there is destruction in their heart;

Their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall, because of their schemes.

Because of their many transgressions cast them out, for they rebelled against you.

But all who take refuge on your will be glad; they will sing out their joy forever.

You will shelter them, so that those who love your name may exult in you.

All: For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

Prayer: You alone O God, are holy and righteous, and we praise you for protecting us in times of trial. Keep us safe from all evil and lead us in paths of justice that we may know the joy of trusting Jesus Christ our shield and defender.

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.

God of all mercies, we praise you that you have brought us to this new day, brightening our lives with the dawn of promise and hope in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for
the warmth of sunlight, the wetness of rain and snow,
and all that nourished the earth.....
the presence and power of your Spirit....
the support and encouragement we receive from others....
those who provide public safety and well-being...
the mission of the church around the world
other prayers of thanksgiving....

Merciful God, strengthen us in prayer that we may lift up the brokenness of this world for your healing, and share in the saving love of Jesus Christ. Especially we pray for
those in position of authority over others....
the lonely and forgotten...
children without families or homes...
agents of caring and relief...
the church in Asia and the Middle East....
other prayers of intercession.....

Lord Jesus, unconquered light, your power has dawned upon the world with transforming love. Grant that we, who greet you on this joyful morning, may be found faithful at the day's end, and in that final day be gathered with all your children, to that city whose light is the radiance of your face, for you reign in splendor now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISMISSAL

May we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior.

Amen

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.