

Monday Morning Prayer – 24 June 2019

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L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen**

Opening Call

L: We are God's people.

C: **Gathered together as the body of Christ.**

L: God calls us all,

C: **Our heart, our soul, our mind and our strength**

L: As we follow in the Way of Jesus, we are surrounded in God's love
and receive the Spirit's warming breath.

C: **We arise in strength for the journey ahead**

L: Jesus journeys with us, gently questioning and teaching.

C: **Listening and learning, we are welcomed and held in God's presence.**

L: The deeper the conversation with God,

C: **The more our eyes are opened to see.**

L: The higher the hills, and the deeper the valleys of the journey

C: **The more our feet are steadied and our hearts are warmed.**

L: We are known, and listened to, cherished and strengthened.

And yet, because of this, the more we reveal of ourselves.

How then shall we live?

Psalm 139: 1-12, 17-18

L: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

**C: You discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

L: Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.

**C: You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**C: Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?**

L: If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**C: If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

**C: Even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

L: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**C: I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

Luke 24:28-33

R: As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us ^[a] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

L: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Preparation for the Journey – Shedding and Donning

A Guided prayerful mediation

Song: ***Don't Be Afraid*** #496 - Altogether Whatever

Don't be afraid,

My love is stronger,

My love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid.

My love is stronger,

And I have promised, promised to be always near.

Our Intersessions

All: **The Lord's Prayer** in the language of our hearts.

Blessing

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L: We are known, and listened to, cherished and strengthened.

Because of this, we are able to understand.

How then shall we live?

C: **In Joy, with strength, we follow the Way of Jesus.**