

March 25th Daily Prayer

'The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. (Exodus 15:2)

Almighty and everlasting God,
thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger;
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Song of Hannah - *1 Samuel 2:1-10*

My heart rejoices in the Lord, my strength is raised up in the name of my God.
I cry out in triumph over my enemies as I rejoice in your deliverance.

No one is like the Lord, for he is holy; no one is like our God, for he is strong.
Do not pile boasting upon boasting: keep proud words far from your mouth,
for the Lord is the God of all knowledge and the judge of all actions.

The bow of the mighty is broken, and the weak are clothed in strength.
Those who fed well must hire themselves out, for bread;
but the hungry are hungry no longer.

The barren woman has given birth to many;
but she who had many sons is left desolate.
The Lord brings death and brings life;
he leads down to the underworld and rescues from it.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he lays low and raises up.
He lifts the needy from the dust and the poor from the dunghill
to sit among princes to sit on the throne of glory.

To the Lord belong the poles of the earth;
from them he has suspended the world.
He will keep safe the feet of his chosen,
but the impious will be silent in the darkness
– for it is not by his own strength that a man becomes strong.

The Lord grinds down his enemies: he will thunder on them from the heavens.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth, give dominion to his king,
and raise up the standard of his anointed one.

A reading from Mark 12: 1 – 12

Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: 'A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ²At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴Then he sent another

servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

⁶ 'He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, "They will respect my son."

⁷ 'But the tenants said to one another, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." ⁸ So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

⁹ 'What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Haven't you read this passage of Scripture: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ¹¹ the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes" [a]?'

¹² Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

A prayer of thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips,
but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

In our work and worship
God is with us.
In our homes and our play
God is with us.
Gathered together, scattered afar,
God is with us.
Now and always
God is with us. Amen.

Be still, and bring your prayers to God.

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.