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'God is our Refuge' Rory Snow.

Morning Prayer

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Welcome to our livestreamed chapel.

Join live 10.30am AEST Tuesdays—Thursdays

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*If what we do is new to you, please feel free to let it wash over you, and join in as you are able. We say the short **bold sections** together, not caring if internet latency makes it a little garbled. If you are attending in person please make sure you are registered as being on site.*

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;
in everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5.16–18

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Grace

Blessed are you,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
You chose us to be yours in Christ
before the foundation of the world:
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
In love you destined us to be your children,
through Jesus Christ:
according to the purpose of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace:
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1.3–6

The Opening Prayer

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

Silence may be kept.

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.**

The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.

Psalm 118.1-18

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- ³ Let the house of Aaron proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁴ Let those who fear the Lord proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- ⁵ In my danger I called to the Lord:
he answered and set me free.
- ⁶ The Lord is on my side, I shall not fear:
what can flesh and blood do to me?
- ⁷ The Lord is at my side as my helper:
I shall see the downfall of my enemies.
- ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the Lord:
than to trust to flesh and blood:
- ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the Lord:
than to put your trust in princes.
- ¹⁰ All the nations surrounded me:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- ¹¹ They surrounded, they surrounded me on every side:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- ¹² They swarmed about me like bees,
they blazed like fire among the thorns:
in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- ¹³ I was pressed so hard that I almost fell:
but the Lord was my helper.
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ The sounds of joy and deliverance:

are in the tents of the righteous.

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:

the right hand of the Lord raises up.

¹⁷ I shall not die but live:

and proclaim the works of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord has disciplined me hard:

but he has not given me over to death.

At the end of the (last) pause there may follow

We consecrate this day to your service, O Lord; may all our thoughts, words, and actions be well-pleasing to you and serve the good of our brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.

2 Chronicles 12

When the rule of Rehoboam was established and he grew strong, he abandoned the law of the Lord, he and all Israel with him. In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, because they had been unfaithful to the Lord, King Shishak of Egypt came up against Jerusalem with twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand cavalry. A countless army came with him from Egypt—Libyans, Sukkiim, and Ethiopians. He took the fortified cities of Judah and came as far as Jerusalem. Then the prophet Shemaiah came to Rehoboam and to the officers of Judah, who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, ‘Thus says the Lord; You abandoned me, so I have abandoned you to the hand of Shishak.’ Then the officers of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, ‘The Lord is in the right.’ When the Lord saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, saying: ‘They have humbled themselves; I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. Nevertheless they shall be his

servants, so that they may know the difference between serving me and serving the kingdoms of other lands.’ So King Shishak of Egypt came up against Jerusalem; he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the king’s house; he took everything. He also took away the shields of gold that Solomon had made; but King Rehoboam made in place of them shields of bronze, and committed them to the hands of the officers of the guard, who kept the door of the king’s house. Whenever the king went into the house of the Lord, the guard would come along bearing them, and would then bring them back to the guardroom. Because he humbled himself the wrath of the Lord turned from him, so as not to destroy them completely; moreover, conditions were good in Judah. So King Rehoboam established himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned for seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city that the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put his name there. His mother’s name was Naamah the Ammonite. He did evil, for he did not set his heart to seek the Lord. Now the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last, are they not written in the records of the prophet Shemaiah and of the seer Iddo, recorded by genealogy? There were continual wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam. Rehoboam slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David; and his son Abijah succeeded him.

The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or

May your word live in us

and bear much fruit to your glory.

The Canticle, Te Deum Laudamus

We praise you, O God:
we acclaim you as Lord.
All creation worships you:
the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you:
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you:
Throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded:
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the King of glory:
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free:
you humbly chose the virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death:
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory:
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood:
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day

**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 Thanksgivings may be made according to local
custom and need.*

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created
and by whose love we are redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love
to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in
such harmony with one another in accord with Christ Jesus, that we
may with one voice glorify our God and Father.

Amen.