

## Passiontide *Morning Prayer* at SMB

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

**All** your saving power among the nations.

### *A Song of Lamentation*

- 1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ◆  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
- 2 Which was brought upon me, ◆  
which the Lord inflicted  
on the day of his fierce anger.
- 3 For these things I weep;  
my eyes flow with tears; ◆  
for a comforter is far from me,  
one to revive my courage.
- 4 Remember my affliction and my bitterness, ◆  
the wormwood and the gall!
- 5 But this I call to mind, ◆  
and therefore I have hope:
- 6 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, ◆  
his mercies never come to an end;
- 7 They are new every morning; ◆  
great is your faithfulness.
- 8 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, ◆  
'therefore I will hope in him.'
- 9 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, ◆  
to the soul that seeks him.
- 10 It is good that we should wait quietly ◆  
for the salvation of the Lord.
- 11 For the Lord will not reject for ever; ◆  
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,

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12 According to the abundance of his steadfast love; ♦  
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

*Lamentations 1.12,16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33*

*This opening prayer may be said*

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

*Silence is 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.

**All Amen.**

## The Word of God

*Psalmody The appointed psalmody from the Bible In One Year is said.*

*New Testament The New Testament reading from the BIOY is said.*

*Canticle The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

**All The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,  
but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦

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and to remember his holy covenant.

- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68–79*

### Prayers

*Intercessions are offered*

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

*Monday: Pray for the vulnerable in our city and for our Mercy Ministries*

*Tuesday: for the Children and Young people of our City*

*Wednesday: Pray for Alpha and for people to come to faith*

*Thursday: For our Students and Young Adults*

*Friday: Pray for our Fellowship Groups and our life together as a church*

*Saturday: Pray for all those in need in our communities*

*Sunday: Pray for the church across our city that we would work together in  
unity*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our saviour taught us, so we pray  
**All** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **The Conclusion**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve him with joy.  
**All** Amen.  
Let us bless the Lord.  
**All** Thanks be to God.