

## Ascension Day Morning Prayer at SMB

O Lord, open our lips

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

Your throne has been established from of old;

**All you are from everlasting. Alleluia.**

### *A Song of the King's Glory*

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ◆  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas ◆  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ◆  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ◆  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ◆  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ◆  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ◆  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 'Who is the King of glory?' ◆  
'The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ◆  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 'Who is this King of glory?' ◆  
'The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.'

*Psalms 24*

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*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                              A Song of Christ's Appearing*

**All Christ was believed in throughout the world and taken up in glory.**

- 1 Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh ♦  
and vindicated in the spirit.
- 2 He was seen by angels ♦  
and proclaimed among the nations.
- 3 Believed in throughout the world, ♦  
he was taken up in glory.
- 4 This will be made manifest at the proper time ♦  
by the blessed and only Sovereign,
- 5 Who alone has immortality, ♦  
and dwells in unapproachable light.

**All To the King of kings and Lord of lords ♦  
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.**

*1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15,16*

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### 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.**

### *Collect*

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ

to have ascended into the heavens,

so we in heart and mind may also ascend

and with him continually dwell;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

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

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,  
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 has opened the kingdom of heaven,  
bring us to reign with him in glory.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**