

**This Day: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Opening Prayer**

O Lord, help me this day to keep a quiet place in my heart where you can speak to me and I can listen and hear you above all the noise of life around me. Give me those moments of peace that the world cannot provide so that the tranquillity of those moments become refreshing oasis for my whole being. Amen

**Reading: John 3 verses 16 – 21**

**For God So Loved the World**

16 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour. 18 Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged, because they have not believed in God's only Son. 19 This is how the judgment works: the light has come into the world, but people love the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds are evil. 20 Those who do evil things hate the light and will not come to the light, because they do not want their evil deeds to be shown up. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light in order that the light may show that what they did was in obedience to God.

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1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other ;  
born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father :  
glory to God on high.

2 Christ is the world's Peace, Christ and none other ;  
no one can serve him and despise another ;  
who else unites us, one in God the Father ?  
Glory to God on high.

3 Christ is the world's Life, Christ and none other ;  
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother —  
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father :  
glory to God on high.

4 Give God the glory, God and none other ;  
give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father ;  
give God the glory, God with us, my brother :  
glory to God on high.

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## **Psalm 57 verses 1-3 and 7-11**

### **Let Your Glory Be over All the Earth**

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, because I come to you for safety. In the shadow of your wings I find protection until the raging storms are over. 2 I call to God, the Most High, to God, who supplies my every need. 3 He will answer from heaven and save me; he will defeat my oppressors. God will show me his constant love and faithfulness.

7 I have complete confidence, O God; I will sing and praise you! 8 Wake up, my soul! Wake up, my harp and lyre! I will wake up the sun. 9 I will thank you, O Lord, among the nations. I will praise you among the peoples. 10 Your constant love reaches the heavens; your faithfulness touches the skies. 11 Show your greatness in the sky, O God, and your glory over all the earth.

### **Closing Prayer**

Lord, keep me from being greedy today; keep me from just doing as I like without asking what you want me to do; show me how to be my true self – the person you want me to be. Let me know your closeness every moment in the day and in all I am and do. Amen