

Reading and prayer 21st June 2021

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.

Your power and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens.

You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

You will increase my honour, and comfort me once again.

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued. All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help,

Psalm 71 :17-24a

Father God, we do indeed praise you with all of our heart, for it is you who have brought us forth from the day of our earthly birth, through hard times and times of great joy to our present day. We fear not that the day will bring because you are there beside us, protecting and guiding from all adversity. Keep our hearts and minds fixed on you and your love for us, that no doubt might overwhelm us but only confidence in your righteous help, to sustain us to the end of this our earthly life. Amen

