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Tuesday, July 28, 2020

+ **OPENING CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

O God, open our lips,  
***and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.***

From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
***we praise your name, O God.***

[ADAPTED FROM PSALM 51:15 AND 113:3]

+ **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

(Water may be touched, poured or sprinkled.)

By Word and water God renews us this day  
in the living fountain of God's grace,  
and raises us with Christ Jesus to live a new life in the Spirit.

***Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.*** [PSALM 90:14]

+ **MORNING HYMN OR CANTICLE**

Come, let us sing to the Ho-ly One; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-va-tion.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanks-giving,\*  
and raise a loud shout with *psalms*.  
For you, O God, are a great God,\*  
you are great a-bove all gods.  
In your hand are the caverns of the earth,\*

and the heights of the hills are yours *also*.  
The sea is yours, for you made it,\*  
and your hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before God, our Maker.

For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture  
and the sheep of your hand.\*  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

[PSALM 95:1-7 (OSH PSALTER)]

+ **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;  
***And also with you.***

Let us pray:  
Oh God, The Holy Spirit,  
come to us, and among us;  
come as the wind, and cleanse us;  
come as the fire, and burn;  
come as the dew, and refresh;  
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to  
our great good and to your greater glory;  
and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

[UM Book of Worship.]

+ **Psalm 119:121-128**

Antiphon:

***Truly I love your commandments  
more than gold, more than fine gold.***

- <sup>121</sup> I have done what is just and *right*,  
do not leave me to my op-pressors.
- <sup>122</sup> Guarantee your ser-vant's well-*being*;  
do not let the godless op-press *me*.
- <sup>123</sup> My eyes fail from watching for your sal-*vation*,  
and for the fulfillment of your right-eous *promise*.
- <sup>124</sup> Deal with your servant according to your stead-fast *love*,  
and teach me your *statutes*.
- <sup>125</sup> I am your servant; give me un-der-*standing*,  
so that I may know your de-*crees*.
- <sup>126</sup> It is time for the LORD to *act*,  
for your law has been *broken*.
- <sup>127</sup> Truly I love your com-*mandments*  
more than gold, more than fine *gold*.
- <sup>128</sup> Truly I direct my steps by all your *precepts*;  
I hate ev'ry false *way*.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, A-*men*.

***Truly I love your commandments  
more than gold, more than fine gold.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Ephesians 6:10-18 NRSV

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

We bless you, Adonai, God of *Israel*,  
for you come to visit us and ransom us from *bondage*.  
You have brought forth a strong *De-liverer*  
in the house of your child *David*.

**This is what your holy prophets an-nounced:  
deliverance from enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;  
mercy a-mong our *ancestors*,  
and remembrance of your ho-ly *covenant*.**

This is the promise you swore to our an-cestor, *Abraham*,  
to make us un-a-*fraid*,  
to rescue us from our *enemies*,  
to serve before you, holy and just, all the days of our *lives*.

**And this, my little child, shall be called prophet of the Most *High*,  
going before you, Adonai, to pre-pare your *paths*,  
making your people know *de-liverance*  
by the forgiveness of their *sins*.**

Through your merciful compassions, God our *God*,  
the dawn from on high shall *visit us*,  
to shine on those kept in dungeons and the shadows of *death*  
and to guide our feet onto the path of *peace*. [LUKE 1:68-79]

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

+ **A READING FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION:**

“If there is only one strand of faith amongst all the  
corruption within us, God will take hold of that one strand.”

*Oswald Chambers, Not Knowing Whither, 888 L*

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,  
***and also with you.***

Let us pray:

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and  
relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to  
those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our  
prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness  
and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION (PARISH)

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR TIMES OF CONFLICT

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S CREATION

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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 forever. Amen.*

+ **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,  
You have brought us in safety to this new day:  
preserve us with your mighty power,  
that we may not fall into sin,  
nor be overcome by adversity;  
and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

(NUMBERS 6:24–26)