

Tuesday, July 21, 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-vation.  
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 75

Antiphon:

***But I will rejoice forever;***

***I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.***

<sup>1</sup> We give thanks to you, O God;

we give thanks; your name is near.

People tell of your wondrous deeds.

<sup>2</sup> At the set time that I appoint

I will judge with equity.

<sup>3</sup> When the earth totters, with all its inhabitants,

it is I who keep its pillars steady. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> I say to the boastful, "Do not boast,"

and to the wicked, "Do not lift up your horn;

<sup>5</sup> do not lift up your horn on high,

or speak with insolent neck."

<sup>6</sup> For not from the east or from the west

and not from the wilderness comes lifting up;

<sup>7</sup> but it is God who executes judgment,

putting down one and lifting up another.

<sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup

with foaming wine, well mixed;

he will pour a draught from it,

and all the wicked of the earth

shall drain it down to the dregs.

<sup>9</sup> But I will rejoice<sup>[a]</sup> forever;

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,

but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,

one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

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Silence

+ WORD: Galatians 4:21-5:1 NRSV

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law?

<sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman.

<sup>23</sup> One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise.

<sup>24</sup> Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery.

<sup>25</sup> Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

<sup>26</sup> But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother.

<sup>27</sup> For it is written,

“Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children,  
burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs;  
for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous  
than the children of the one who is married.”

<sup>28</sup> Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac.

<sup>29</sup> But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also.

<sup>30</sup> But what does the scripture say? “Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.”

<sup>31</sup> So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman.

5 <sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

Here what the Spirit is saying:

A sharing of what the Spirit is saying with us individually

+ 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*.

[Unison]

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; TBE, ALT., OSL]

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

## + A READING FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION:

“Character determines the revelation of God to the individual. The pure in heart see God.”

*Oswald Chambers, Biblical Ethics, 125 R*

Silent reflection

## + PRAYERS

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

Let us pray:

## + SILENT PRAYER

Requests known to you

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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]

+ PRAYERS FOR ALL SORTS and CONDITIONS of MEN

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly plead you for all sorts and conditions of men; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate;

that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake.

***Amen.***

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR THE MISSION of the CHURCH

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

***Amen.***

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR CONGRESS

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We implore you so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled (*or* in the Legislature of this State), that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; through 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)