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Friday, August 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:

Dawn from on high,

Your light illumines all our days.

Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.

Be merciful in us for the sake of others.

Make us fearless when confronting injustice and need,  
that we may give you glory in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.

[DTB]

**+ Psalm 26:1-8**

Antiphon:

***Establish justice for me, O Lord,  
purify my heart and mind.***

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

<sup>2</sup> Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and mind.

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup> I do not sit with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites;

<sup>5</sup> I hate the company of evildoers,  
and will not sit with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup> I wash my hands in innocence,  
and go around your altar, O LORD,

<sup>7</sup> singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

<sup>8</sup> O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,  
and the place where your glory abides.

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

***Establish justice for me, O Lord,  
purify my heart and mind.***

Silence

+ WORD: 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

<sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. <sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming. <sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned.

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*.

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

**" I know the power obedience has of making things easy which seem impossible.."**

Teresa of Avila

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,

***and also with you.***

Let us pray:

+ SILENT PRAYER

Requests known to you

+ PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 JOY IN GOD'S CREATION

***O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER

FOR THE SAKE OF CONSCIENCE

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. *Amen.*

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ COLLECT FOR FRIDAYS

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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]

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+ **BLESSING**

God be in your head, and in your understanding.

God be in your eyes, and in your looking.

God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.

God be in your heart, and in your thinking.

God be at your end, and at your departing.

(SARUM LITURGY, ENGLAND, 13TH CENT., ALT.)