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Monday, August 10, 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:  
New every morning is your love, great God of light,  
and all day long you are working for good in the world.  
Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with  
our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our  
Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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**+ Psalm 18: 1-19**

*A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who addressed the words of this song to the LORD on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.*

Antiphon:

***I will call upon the Lord,***

***Who is worthy to be praised.***

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup> I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
so I shall be saved from my enemies.

***I will call upon the Lord,***

***Who is worthy to be praised.***

<sup>4</sup> The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of perdition assailed me;

<sup>5</sup> the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.

***I will call upon the Lord,***

***Who is worthy to be praised.***

<sup>7</sup> Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations also of the mountains trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.

<sup>8</sup> Smoke went up from his nostrils,  
and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

<sup>9</sup> He bowed the heavens, and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.

<sup>10</sup> He rode on a cherub, and flew;  
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.

<sup>11</sup> He made darkness his covering around him,  
his canopy thick clouds dark with water.

<sup>12</sup> Out of the brightness before him  
there broke through his clouds  
hailstones and coals of fire.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Most High uttered his voice.

<sup>14</sup> And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;  
he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.

<sup>15</sup> Then the channels of the sea were seen,  
and the foundations of the world were laid bare  
at your rebuke, O LORD,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

***I will call upon the Lord,***

***Who is worthy to be praised.***

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<sup>16</sup> He reached down from on high, he took me;  
he drew me out of mighty waters.

<sup>17</sup> He delivered me from my strong enemy,  
and from those who hated me;  
for they were too mighty for me.

<sup>18</sup> They confronted me in the day of my calamity;  
but the LORD was my support.

<sup>19</sup> He brought me out into a broad place;  
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

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

***I will call upon the Lord,  
Who is worthy to be praised.***

Silence

+ WORD: 2 Peter 2:4-10 NRSV

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned,  
but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of  
deepest darkness to be kept until the judgment;

<sup>5</sup> and if he did not spare the ancient world, even though  
he saved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven  
others, when he brought a flood on a world of the  
ungodly;

<sup>6</sup> and if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to  
ashes he condemned them to extinction and made them  
an example of what is coming to the ungodly;

<sup>7</sup> and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man greatly  
distressed by the licentiousness of the lawless

<sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, living among them day after  
day, was tormented in his righteous soul by their lawless  
deeds that he saw and heard),

<sup>9</sup> then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial,  
and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the  
day of judgment

<sup>10</sup>—especially those who indulge their flesh in depraved  
lust, and who despise authority.

Bold and willful, they are not afraid to slander the glorious  
ones,

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*

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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 you judge people, you have no time to love them.”***

Mother Teresa

Silent reflection

**+ PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

**PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE**

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.***

**+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do  
always those things that are right, that we, who cannot

exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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]

+ PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

***Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. 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]

+ 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]

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+ **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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may abound in hope. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13