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Monday, August 24, 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.** [PS 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: 1-3; 20-32

Antiphon:

***It is you who light my lamp;
the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.***

¹ I love you, O LORD, my strength.

² 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.

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

***It is you who light my lamp;
the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.***

²⁰ The LORD rewarded me according to my
righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he
recompensed me.

²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
and have not wickedly departed from my God.

²² For all his ordinances were before me,
and his statutes I did not put away from me.

²³ I was blameless before him,
and I kept myself from guilt.

²⁴ Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according

to my righteousness,

according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

²⁵ With the loyal you show yourself loyal;

with the blameless you show yourself blameless;

²⁶ with the pure you show yourself pure;

and with the crooked you show yourself perverse.

²⁷ For you deliver a humble people,

but the haughty eyes you bring down.

²⁸ It is you who light my lamp;

the LORD, my God, lights up my darkness.

²⁹ By you I can crush a troop,

and by my God I can leap over a wall.

³⁰ This God—his way is perfect;

the promise of the LORD proves true;

he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

³¹ For who is God except the LORD?

And who is a rock besides our God?—

³² the God who girded me with strength,
and made my way safe.

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

***It is you who light my lamp;
the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.***

Silence

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+ WORD: Romans 2:1-11 NRSV

Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things. ² You say, "We know that God's judgment on those who do such things is in accordance with truth." ³ Do you imagine, whoever you are, that when you judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself, you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ For he will repay according to each one's deeds: ⁷ to those who by patiently doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ while for those who are self-seeking and who obey not the truth but wickedness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹ There will be anguish and distress for everyone who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹ For God shows no partiality.

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*.**

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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:

**“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a
drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less
because of that missing drop.”**

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, 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 THE GOOD USE OF LEISURE

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen. [BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; 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.***

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+ 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