

Monday, November 30, 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.**

+ REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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. \* OSL  
**Satisfy us in the morning**  
**with your steadfast love, O God,**  
**that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

+ MORNING HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel.  
The darkness of this earth dispel.  
**Bring light and justice here below**  
that we in paths of righteousness may go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
**Emmanuel shall come to earth; let love dispel all fear.**

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+ MORNING PRAYER

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

Let us pray:

We give you hearty thanks for the rest of the past night and  
for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing  
you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect  
freedom of your service, that at eventide we may again  
give thanks unto you. **Amen.**

[UM Book of Worship]

+ Psalm 79 NRSV

**Help us, O God of our salvation,**  
**for the glory of your name;**  
**deliver us, and forgive our sins,**  
**for your name's sake.**

- <sup>1</sup> O God, the nations have come into your in-her-i-tance;  
they have defiled your holy temple;  
they have laid Jerusa-lem in ruins.
- <sup>2</sup> They have given the bodies of your servants  
to the birds of the air for food,  
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.

<sup>3</sup> They have poured out their blood like water  
all around Jer-u-sa-*lem*,  
and there was no one to bur-y *them*.

<sup>4</sup> We have become a taunt to our *neighbors*,  
mocked and derided by those a-round *us*.

<sup>5</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you be angry for-*ever*?  
Will your jealous wrath burn like *fire*?

<sup>6</sup> Pour out your anger on the nations  
that do not know *you*,  
and on the kingdoms  
that do not call on your *name*.

<sup>7</sup> For they have de-vour-ed *Jacob*  
and laid waste his hab-i-*tation*.

<sup>8</sup> Do not remember against us the iniquities of our *ancestors*;  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
for we are brought ver-y *low*.

<sup>9</sup> Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your *name*;  
deliver us, and forgive our sins,  
for your name's *sake*.

<sup>10</sup> Why should the nations say,  
"Where is their *God*?"

Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants  
be known among the nations be-fore our eyes.

<sup>11</sup> Let the groans of the prisoners come be-fore *you*;  
according to your great power preserve those  
doomed to *die*.

<sup>12</sup> Return sevenfold into the bosom of our *neighbors*  
the taunts with which they taunted you, O *Lord*!

<sup>13</sup> Then we your people, the flock of your pasture,  
will give thanks to you for-*ever*;  
from generation to generation we will re-count your *praise*.

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

***Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and forgive our sins,  
for your name's sake.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Revelation 15:1-8 CEB

Then I saw another great and awe-inspiring sign in heaven. There were seven angels with seven plagues—and these are the last, for with them God’s anger is brought to an end.

<sup>2</sup> Then I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire. Those who gained victory over the beast, its image, and the number of its name were standing by the glass sea, holding harps from God. <sup>3</sup> They sing the song of Moses, God’s servant, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and awe-inspiring are your works,

Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,

king of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> Who won’t fear you, Lord, and glorify your name?

You alone are holy.

All nations will come and fall down in worship before you,  
for your acts of justice have been revealed.”

<sup>5</sup> After this I looked, and the temple in heaven—that is, the tent of witness—was opened. <sup>6</sup> The seven angels, who have the seven plagues, came out of the temple. They were clothed in pure bright linen and had gold sashes around their waists. <sup>7</sup> Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven gold bowls full of the anger of the God who

lives forever and always. <sup>8</sup> The temple was filled with smoke from God’s glory and power, and no one could go into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven last angels were brought to an end.

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*.

+ **COMMEMORATION: ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

Most references to Andrew in the New Testament simply include him on a list of the Twelve Apostles, or group him with his brother, Simon Peter. But he appears acting as an individual three times in the Gospel of John. When a number of Greeks (perhaps simply Greek-speaking Jews)

wish to speak with Jesus, they approach Philip, who tells Andrew, and the two of them tell Jesus (Jn 12:20-22). (It may be relevant here that both "Philip" and "Andrew" are Greek names.) Before Jesus feeds the Five Thousand, it is Andrew who says, "Here is a lad with five barley loaves and two fish." (Jn 6:8f) And the first two disciples whom John reports as attaching themselves to Jesus (Jn 1:35-42) are Andrew and another disciple. Having met Jesus, Andrew then finds his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. Thus, on each occasion when he is mentioned as an individual, it is because he is instrumental in bringing others to meet the Saviour. In the Episcopal Church, the Fellowship of Saint Andrew is devoted to encouraging personal evangelism, and the bringing of one's friends and colleagues to a knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

*by James Kiefer*

Silent reflection

+ **COLLECT: ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give unto us, who are called by

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your Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

\* Holy Women, Holy Men

+ PRAYERS

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

Let us pray: *(pray for those on your heart today)*

+ FOR HEALTH OF BODY AND SOUL

***For those we have lifted up today, may God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.***

+ PRAYERS FOR THE GREATER NJ CONFERENCE

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Conference to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless Bishop Schol, our District Superintendents, other clergy, and all our people.

Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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+ PRAYERS FOR THE OPPRESSED

***Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit

us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

+ 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.**

+ BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back,  
may the sun shine warm upon your face,  
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. **Amen.**

(TRADITIONAL GAELIC PRAYER)

## Morning Prayer

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