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Saturday, August 15, 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:

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Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(SAINT THOMAS, ITALY, 13TH CENT., ALT.)

#### + Psalm 67

Antiphon:

**<sup>6</sup> *The earth has yielded its increase;***

***God, our God, has blessed us***

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

<sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth,

your saving power among all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

<sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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

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***God, our God, has blessed us***

Silence

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+ **WORD:** Matthew 14:34-36

<sup>34</sup> When they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup> When the people who lived in that place recognized him, they sent word throughout that whole region, and they brought to him everyone who was sick. <sup>36</sup> Then they begged him that they might just touch the edge of his clothes. Everyone who touched him was cured.

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; TBE, ALT., OSL]

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:**

“A waiting person is a patient person.

The word patience means the willingness to stay where we are and live the situation out to the full in the belief that something hidden there will manifest itself to us.”

Henri J.M. Nouwen

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

+ SILENT PRAYER

Requests known to you

+ FOR A SICK PERSON

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the

enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their lives in your fear, and to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ 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]

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+ 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, and 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.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ COLLECT FOR SATURDAYS

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world did rest from all your works and sanctify a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; 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 God grant that you may be strengthened in your  
inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that  
Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are  
being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17