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Thursday, August 13, 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:

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]

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**+ 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

+ WORD: Revelation 15:1-4 NRSV

<sup>15</sup> Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. <sup>3</sup> And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:

“Great and amazing are your deeds,  
Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,  
King of the nations!

<sup>4</sup> Lord, who will not fear  
and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come  
and worship before you,  
for your judgments have been revealed.”

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*.

[Unison]

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

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

**“The best thing of all is God is with us.”**

*John Wesley*

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

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+ SILENT PRAYER

+ 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.**

+ 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]

+ PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may

save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR THOSE WE LOVE

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to *thy* never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that *thou* art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; 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**

Before us it is blessed, behind us it is blessed,  
below us it is blessed, above us it is blessed,  
around us it is blessed as we set out with Christ.  
Our speech is blessed as we set out for God.  
With beauty before us, with beauty behind us,  
with beauty below us, with beauty above us,  
with beauty around us, we set out for a holy place  
indeed. **Amen.**

(TRADITIONAL NAVAHO PRAYER, ALT.)