

Tuesday, August 11, 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:
Oh God, The Holy Spirit,
come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew, and refresh;
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives
to our great good and to your greater glory;
and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

[UM Book of Worship.]

+ 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.***

- 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.

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

- ⁴ The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of perdition assailed me;
⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.
⁶ 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.***

- ⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.
⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.
⁹ He bowed the heavens, and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.
¹⁰ He rode on a cherub, and flew;
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
¹¹ He made darkness his covering around him,
his canopy thick clouds dark with water.
¹² Out of the brightness before him
there broke through his clouds
hailstones and coals of fire.
¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice.
¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.
¹⁵ 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.***

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

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

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

¹⁹ 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:** Romans 9:14-29 NRSV

¹⁴ What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's
part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses,

"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will
have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶ So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on
God who shows mercy.

¹⁷ For the scripture says to Pharaoh, "I have raised you
up for the very purpose of showing my power in you, so
that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth."

¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he chooses, and
he hardens the heart of whomever he chooses.

¹⁹ You will say to me then, "Why then does he still find
fault? For who can resist his will?" ²⁰ But who indeed are
you, a human being, to argue with God? Will what is
molded say to the one who molds it, "Why have you
made me like this?" ²¹ Has the potter no right over the
clay, to make out of the same lump one object for
special use and another for ordinary use? ²² What if God,
desiring to show his wrath and to make known his
power, has endured with much patience the objects of
wrath that are made for destruction; ²³ and what if he has
done so in order to make known the riches of his glory
for the objects of mercy, which he has prepared
beforehand for glory— ²⁴ including us whom he has
called, not from the Jews only but also from the
Gentiles? ²⁵ As indeed he says in Hosea,
"Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,'
and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'"
²⁶ "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You

are not my people,'

there they shall be called children of the living God.”

²⁷ And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, “Though the number of the children of Israel were like the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved; ²⁸ for the Lord will execute his sentence on the earth quickly and decisively.” ²⁹ And as Isaiah predicted, “If the Lord of hosts had not left survivors to us, we would have fared like Sodom and been made like Gomorrah.”

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*.

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

**“We have to pray with our eyes on God,
not on the difficulties.”**

Oswald Chambers

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Gracious God, as your son wept with Mary and Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, look with compassion this day on those who grieve. Grant them the assurance of your presence now and faith in your eternal goodness, that in them may be fulfilled the promise that those who mourn shall be comforted; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[UM Hymnal] - adapted

+ 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 MISSION of the CHURCH

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST OF LANDS and WATERS

O gracious Father, whose hand opens and fills all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give thanks to you; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER] *adapted*

+ **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**

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

(NUMBERS 6:24–26)