

8/18/20

Tuesday, August 18, 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 87

Antiphon:

***Glorious things are spoken of you,  
O city of God.***

On the holy mount stands the city he founded;

<sup>2</sup> the LORD loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

<sup>3</sup> Glorious things are spoken of you,  
O city of God. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> Among those who know me I mention Rahab and  
Babylon;

Philistia too, and Tyre, with Ethiopia —  
“This one was born there,” they say.

<sup>5</sup> And of Zion it shall be said,  
“This one and that one were born in it”;  
for the Most High himself will establish it.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD records, as he registers the peoples,  
“This one was born there.” *Selah*

<sup>7</sup> Singers and dancers alike say,  
“All my springs are in you.”

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

Antiphon:

***Glorious things are spoken of you,  
O city of God.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Isaiah 43:8-13 NRSV

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,  
who are deaf, yet have ears!

<sup>9</sup> Let all the nations gather together,  
and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them declared this,  
and foretold to us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,  
and let them hear and say, “It is true.”

<sup>10</sup> You are my witnesses, says the LORD,  
and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.

<sup>11</sup> I, I am the LORD,  
and besides me there is no savior.

<sup>12</sup> I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> I am God, and also henceforth I am He;  
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;  
I work and who can hinder it?

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:**

“God does not expect us to *imitate* Jesus Christ.  
He expects us to allow the life of Jesus to be  
manifested in our mortal flesh.”

*Oswald Chambers, Approved Unto God*

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.***

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION (PARISH)

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR TIMES OF CONFLICT

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S CREATION

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of 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.*

+ **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)