

Tuesday, August 4, 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 78: 1-8; 17-29**

Antiphon:

***We shall listen Lord, to your teaching,
And heed the words of your mouth.***

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my *teaching*;
incline your ears to the words of my *mouth*.

² I will open my mouth in a pa-ra-ble;
I will utter dark sayings from of *old*,

³ things that we have heard and *known*,
that our ancestors have told *us*.

⁴ We will not hide them from their *children*;
we will tell to the coming gen-er-ation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his *might*,
and the wonders that he has *done*.

***We shall listen Lord, to your teaching,
And heed the words of your mouth.***

⁵ He established a de-cree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in *Israel*,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;

⁶ that the next generation might know *them*,
the children yet unborn,

and rise up and tell them to their *children*,

⁷ so that they should set their hope in *God*,

and not forget the works of God,
but keep his com-mandments;

⁸ and that they should not be like their *ancestors*,
a stubborn and rebellious gen-er-ation,
a generation whose heart was not stead-fast,
whose spirit was not faith-ful to *God*.

***We shall listen Lord, to your teaching,
And heed the words of your mouth.***

¹⁷ Yet they sinned still more a-gainst *him*,
rebellling against the Most High in the *desert*.

¹⁸ They tested God in their *heart*
by demanding the food they *craved*.

¹⁹ They spoke a-gainst God, *saying*,
“Can God spread a table in the wil-der-ness?

²⁰ Even though he struck the rock so that water gushed
out

and torrents o-ver-flowed,
can he also give bread,
or provide meat for his *people*?”

***We shall listen Lord, to your teaching,
And heed the words of your mouth.***

²¹ Therefore, when the Lord heard, he was full of *rage*;
a fire was kindled against Jacob,
his anger mounted a-gainst *Israel*,
²² because they had no faith in *God*,
and did not trust his sav-ing *power*.
²³ Yet he commanded the skies a-bove,
and opened the doors of *heaven*;
²⁴ he rained down on them manna to *eat*,
and gave them the grain of *heaven*.
²⁵ Mortals ate of the bread of *angels*;
he sent them food in abun-*dance*.
²⁶ He caused the east wind to blow in the *heavens*,
and by his power he led out the south *wind*;
²⁷ he rained flesh upon them like *dust*,
winged birds like the sand of the *seas*;
²⁸ he let them fall with-in their *camp*,
all a-round their *dwelling*s.
²⁹ And they ate and were well *filled*,
for he gave them what they *craved*.

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

***We shall listen Lord, to your teaching,
And heed the words of your mouth.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Deuteronomy 26:1-15 NRSV
When you have come into the land that the LORD your
God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you
possess it, and settle in it,
² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the
ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD
your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket
and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose
as a dwelling for his name.
³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time,
and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God
that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our
ancestors to give us.”
⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and
sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God,
⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your
God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went
down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in
number, and there he became a great nation, mighty
and populous.
⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us,
by imposing hard labor on us,
⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the
LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and
our oppression.
⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand
and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of
power, and with signs and wonders;

⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God.

¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

¹² When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year (which is the year of the tithe), giving it to the Levites, the aliens, the orphans, and the widows, so that they may eat their fill within your towns,

¹³ then you shall say before the LORD your God: “I have removed the sacred portion from the house, and I have given it to the Levites, the resident aliens, the orphans, and the widows, in accordance with your entire commandment that you commanded me; I have neither transgressed nor forgotten any of your commandments:

¹⁴ I have not eaten of it while in mourning; I have not removed any of it while I was unclean; and I have not offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the LORD my God, doing just as you commanded me.

¹⁵ Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our ancestors—a land flowing with milk and honey.”

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:**

“The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when
you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do
not fear God you fear everything else.”

Oswald Chambers, The Highest Good—The Pilgrim's Song Book, 537 L

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

***Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and
defend your Church; and, because it cannot
continue in safety without your help, protect and
govern it always by your goodness; 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 THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. *Amen.*

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one

mind and one mouth glorify *thee*; 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**

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)