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Wednesday, Aug 19, 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:

Almighty and everlasting God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are  
restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such  
piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish

passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(THE BOOK OF WORSHIP 1965, ALT.)

### + 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: Matthew 8:1-13 NRSV

8 When Jesus had come down from the mountain,  
great crowds followed him;

<sup>2</sup> and there was a leper who came to him and knelt  
before him, saying, “Lord, if you choose, you can make  
me clean.”

<sup>3</sup> He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I  
do choose. Be made clean!” Immediately his leprosy  
was cleansed.

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to  
anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer  
the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to  
them.”

<sup>5</sup> When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to  
him, appealing to him

<sup>6</sup> and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home  
paralyzed, in terrible distress.”

<sup>7</sup> And he said to him, “I will come and cure him.”

<sup>8</sup> The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.

<sup>9</sup> For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it."

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.

<sup>11</sup> I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,

<sup>12</sup> while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

<sup>13</sup> And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

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]

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

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

“Our forgiving love toward men is the evidence  
of God's forgiving love in us. It is a necessary  
condition of the prayer of faith.”

*Andrew Murray, With Christ in the School of Prayer*

Silent reflection

**+ PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

**+ SILENT PRAYER**

Requests known to you

**+ PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS**

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your  
command you drive away from our bodies all sickness  
and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those  
we lift today, that their weaknesses may be banished  
and their strength restored; and that with health being  
renewed, all may bless your holy Name; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER] *adapted*

**+ 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]

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+ PRAYERS FOR PEACE AMONG NATIONS

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR CONSERVATION of Natural Resources

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR TOWNS and RURAL AREAS

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas especially here in Atlantic County; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. **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***

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***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**

May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back,  
may the sun shine warm upon your face,  
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. ***Amen.***

(TRADITIONAL GAELIC PRAYER)