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Wednesday, August 26, 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-va-tion.
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 18: 1-3; 20-32**

Antiphon:

***It is you who light my lamp;
the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.***

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.

***It is you who light my lamp;
the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.***

²⁰ The LORD rewarded me according to my
righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he
recompensed me.

²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD,

and have not wickedly departed from my God.

²² For all his ordinances were before me,
and his statutes I did not put away from me.

²³ I was blameless before him,
and I kept myself from guilt.

²⁴ Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according
to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

²⁵ With the loyal you show yourself loyal;
with the blameless you show yourself blameless;

²⁶ with the pure you show yourself pure;
and with the crooked you show yourself perverse.

²⁷ For you deliver a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.

²⁸ It is you who light my lamp;
the LORD, my God, lights up my darkness.

²⁹ By you I can crush a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.

³⁰ This God—his way is perfect;
the promise of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

³¹ For who is God except the LORD?
And who is a rock besides our God?—

³² the God who girded me with strength,
and made my way safe.

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

***It is you who light my lamp;
the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.***

Silence

+ **WORD: Matthew 26:6-13** NRSV

⁶ Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸ But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? ⁹ For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.” ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

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*,

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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:

**“Start by doing what's necessary;
then do what's possible; and
suddenly you are doing the impossible.”**

Francis of Assisi

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered
together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your
power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name;
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]

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+ PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR CITIES

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that Holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form

our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; 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**

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)