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Friday, September 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-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:

Dawn from on high,

Your light illumines all our days.

Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.

Be merciful in us for the sake of others.

Make us fearless when confronting injustice and need,  
that we may give you glory in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.

[DTB]

**+ Psalm 119:33-40**

Antiphon:

***Confirm to your servant your promise,***

***which is for those who fear you.***

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.

<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.

<sup>36</sup> Turn my heart to your decrees,  
and not to selfish gain.

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;  
give me life in your ways.

<sup>38</sup> Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which is for those who fear you.

<sup>39</sup> Turn away the disgrace that I dread,  
for your ordinances are good.

<sup>40</sup> See, I have longed for your precepts;  
in your righteousness give me life.

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

***Confirm to your servant your promise,***  
***which is for those who fear you.***

Silence

+ WORD: Romans 10:15b-21

<sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” <sup>16</sup> But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

<sup>18</sup> But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for “Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”

<sup>19</sup> Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”

<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

“I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

<sup>21</sup> But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

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*,

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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:**

"Every part of the journey  
is of importance to the whole."

Teresa of Avila

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, the strength of the weak and the comfort of  
sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to  
those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that  
their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow  
into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

***Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of  
all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your  
Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with  
all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good  
works; 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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+ PRAYER FOR CLERGY and PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace: and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ COLLECT FOR FRIDAYS

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

God be in your head, and in your understanding.  
God be in your eyes, and in your looking.  
God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.  
God be in your heart, and in your thinking.  
God be at your end, and at your departing.

(SARUM LITURGY, ENGLAND, 13TH CENT., ALT.)