

Monday, September 7, 2020 - Labor Day USA

+ **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:  
New every morning is your love, great God of light,  
and all day long you are working for good in the world.  
Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with  
our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our  
Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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**+ Psalm 119: 65 – 72** CEV

Antiphon:

***You are kindhearted, and you do good things,  
so teach me your laws.***

<sup>65</sup> I am your servant, LORD,

and you have kept your promise  
to treat me with kindness.

<sup>66</sup> Give me wisdom and good sense.

I trust your commands.

<sup>67</sup> Once you corrected me for not obeying you,  
but now I obey.

<sup>68</sup> You are kindhearted, and you do good things,  
so teach me your laws.

<sup>69</sup> My reputation is being ruined by conceited liars,  
but with all my heart I follow your teachings.

<sup>70</sup> Those liars have no sense,  
but I find happiness  
in your Law.

<sup>71</sup> When you corrected me, it did me good  
because it taught me to study your laws.

<sup>72</sup> I would rather obey you  
than to have a thousand pieces  
of silver and gold.

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

***You are kindhearted, and you do good things,  
so teach me your laws.***

Silence

+ WORD: 1 Peter 2:11-17 CEV

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, you are foreigners and strangers on this earth. So I beg you not to surrender to those desires that fight against you. <sup>12</sup> Always let others see you behaving properly, even though they may still accuse you of doing wrong. Then on the day of judgment, they will honor God by telling the good things they saw you do.

<sup>13</sup> The Lord wants you to obey all human authorities, especially the Emperor, who rules over everyone. <sup>14</sup> You must also obey governors, because they are sent by the Emperor to punish criminals and to praise good citizens.

<sup>15</sup> God wants you to silence stupid and ignorant people by doing right. <sup>16</sup> You are free, but still you are God's servants, and you must not use your freedom as an excuse for doing wrong. <sup>17</sup> Respect everyone and show special love for God's people. Honor God and respect the Emperor.

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.

+ **COMMEMORATION:** ELIE NAUD (ELIAS NEAU),  
HUGUENOT WITNESS TO THE FAITH, 7 Sept. 1722

Fleeing persecution and imprisonment for his Protestant  
faith, Naud spent many years raising money for the  
Huguenot cause before settling into his role as founder of a  
school for children of the poor and slaves in New York City.  
He also was a poet and, throughout his life, wrote hymns in  
his native French language.

(Click for more info: [Link #1](#) and [Link #2](#))

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

+ COLLECT OF THE DAY - ELIE NAUD

HUGUENOT WITNESS TO THE FAITH, 7 Sept. 1722

Blessed God, whose Son Jesus knelt to serve his disciples: We honor you for the witness of your servant Elie Naud; and pray that we, with him, may proclaim Christ in service to those deemed by the world to be littlest and least, following Jesus, who came not to be ministered to but to minister; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

+ 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 your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Oh God, you have bound us together in this life. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor. May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

[REINHOLD NIEBUHR]

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

***Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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]

+ PRAYERS FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a

just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR THE GOOD USE OF LEISURE

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; 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.*

+ 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 God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may abound in hope. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13