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Thursday, September 10, 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:

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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 103:8-13 CEV

Antiphon:

***As far as the East is from the West,
So far the Lord removes our sins from us.***

⁸ The LORD is merciful!

He is kind and patient,
and his love never fails.

⁹ The LORD won't always be angry
and point out our sins;

¹⁰ he doesn't punish us
as our sins deserve.

¹¹ How great is God's love for all who worship him?
Greater than the distance between heaven and earth!

¹² How far has the LORD taken our sins from us?
Farther than the distance from east to west!

¹³ Just as parents are kind
to their children,
the LORD is kind
to all who worship him,

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

***As far as the East is from the West,
So far the Lord removes our sins from us.***

Silence

+ WORD: 1 John 3:11-16

¹¹ From the beginning you were told that we must love each other. ¹² Don't be like Cain, who belonged to the devil and murdered his own brother. Why did he murder him? He did it because his brother was good, and he was evil. ¹³ My friends, don't be surprised if the people of this world hate you. ¹⁴ Our love for each other proves that we have gone from death to life. But if you don't love each other, you are still under the power of death.

¹⁵ If you hate each other, you are murderers, and we know that murderers do not have eternal life. ¹⁶ We know

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what love is because Jesus gave his life for us. That's why we must give our lives for each other.

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:** Alexander Crummell

(March 3, 1819 – September 10, 1898)

An educator, minister and missionary, Alexander Crummell founded
America's first major black scholarly society.

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Silent reflection

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+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

+ SILENT PRAYER

Requests known to you

+ FOR THOSE IN MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Alexander Crummell, whom you called to preach the Gospel to those who were far off and those near Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever . Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ 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

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]

+ PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away

*the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;
break down the walls that separate us; unite us in
bonds of love; and work through our struggle and
confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth;
that, in your good time, all nations and races may
serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR CONGRESS

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We implore you so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled and in the Legislature of this State, that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; 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]

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+ **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.)