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Thursday, September 17, 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 145:1-8 CEV

Antiphon:

***The Lord is great and so worthy of praise!
God's greatness can't be grasped.***

I will lift you up high, my God, the true king.

I will bless your name forever and always.

² I will bless you every day.

I will praise your name forever and always.

³ The LORD is great and so worthy of praise!

God's greatness can't be grasped.

⁴ One generation will praise your works to the next one,
proclaiming your mighty acts.

⁵ They will talk all about^[b] the glorious splendor of your
majesty;

I will contemplate your wondrous works.

⁶ They will speak of the power of your awesome deeds;

I will declare your great accomplishments.

⁷ They will rave in celebration of your abundant
goodness;

they will shout joyfully about your righteousness:

⁸ "The LORD is merciful and compassionate,
very patient, and full of faithful love.

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

The Lord is great and so worthy of praise!

God's greatness can't be grasped.

Silence

+ WORD: 2 Corinthians 13:1-4

¹³ This is the third time that I'm coming to visit you.
Every matter is settled on the evidence of two or three
witnesses. ² When I was with you on my second visit, I
already warned those who continued to sin. Now I'm
repeating that warning to all the rest of you while I'm at a
safe distance: if I come again, I won't spare anyone.
³ Since you are demanding proof that Christ speaks
through me, Christ isn't weak in dealing with you but
shows his power among you. ⁴ Certainly he was crucified

because of weakness, but he lives by the power of God.
Certainly we also are weak in him, but we will live together with him, because of God's power that is directed toward you.

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: Hildegard** (1098 – 1179)

“A human being is a vessel that God has built for himself and filled
with his inspiration so that his works are perfected in it.”

Hildegard was a Benedictine Abbess, artist, author, composer,
mystic, natural scientist, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian
whose writings, music and visions are still in use today.

Click for more information about Hildegard:

[Link #1](#) - [Link #2](#) - [Link #3](#)

+ COLLECT OF THE DAY Hildegard

God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 THE POOR AND THE NEGLECTED

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for

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them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR CLERGY and PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh 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 thy grace: and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **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.)