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Thursday, September 24, 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-*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:

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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 25:1-9 NRSV

Antiphon:

***Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.***

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

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

***Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.***

Silence

+ WORD: James 4:11-16

¹¹ Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another, speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?

¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." ¹⁴ Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.

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*

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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:**

Anna Ellison Butler Alexander was the first and only
African-American consecrated a Deaconess in the
Episcopal Church. She served in the Episcopal
Diocese of Georgia during her entire career.

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

+ **COLLECT: Anna Ellison Butler Alexander**

Loving God, who called Anna Alexander as a deaconess
in your church: Grant us the wisdom to teach the gospel
of Christ to whomever we meet, by word and by
example, that all may come to the enlightenment that
you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our
Teacher and Savior. 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**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things,
but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are
placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast
to those that shall endure; 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]

+ PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR Knowledge of God's Creation

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and

galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of 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

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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.)