

Tuesday, September 1, 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:
Oh God, The Holy Spirit,
come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew, and refresh;
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives
to our great good and to your greater glory;
and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

[UM Book of Worship.]

+ Psalm 17

Antiphon:

**Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye;
hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
- ² From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.
- ³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
- ⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- ⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped. **Antiphon**
- ⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
- ⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- ⁸ Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

- ¹⁰ They close their hearts to pity;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly. **Antiphon**
- ¹¹ They track me down; now they surround me;
they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.
- ¹² They are like a lion eager to tear,
like a young lion lurking in ambush.
- ¹³ Rise up, O LORD, confront them, overthrow them!
By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,
- ¹⁴ from mortals—by your hand, O LORD—
from mortals whose portion in life is in this world.
May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for
them;
may their children have more than enough;
may they leave something over to their little ones.
- ¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

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

**Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye;
hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

Silence

+ **WORD:** Revelation 3:7-13 NRSV

⁷“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the holy one, the true one,

who has the key of David,

who opens and no one will shut,

who shuts and no one opens:

⁸“I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹²If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

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*.

+ **A READING FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION:**

**“The truth is we have nothing to fear and nothing to
overcome because He is all in all and we are more
than conquerors through Him..”**

Oswald Chambers, Approved Unto God

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Gracious God, as your son wept with Mary and Martha at
the tomb of Lazarus, look with compassion this day on
those who grieve. Grant them the assurance of your
presence now and faith in your eternal goodness, that in

them may be fulfilled the promise that those who mourn
shall be comforted; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. [UM Hymnal] - adapted

+ **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]

+ **PRAYER FOR THE MISSION of the CHURCH**

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to
you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness
to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness
and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen. [BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST OF LANDS and WATERS

O gracious Father, whose hand opens and fills all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give thanks to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER] *adapted*

+ **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**

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

(NUMBERS 6:24-26)