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Tuesday, September 22, 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:

Almighty and everlasting God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are  
restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such

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piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and, in your service, find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(THE BOOK OF WORSHIP 1965, ALT.)

**+ Psalm 106:1-12 NRSV**

Antiphon:

***Remember me, O LORD,  
when you show favor to your people;  
help me when you de-liver them.***

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?

<sup>3</sup> Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.

<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your  
people;

help me when you deliver them;

<sup>5</sup> that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,

that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory in your heritage.

<sup>6</sup> Both we and our ancestors have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

<sup>7</sup> Our ancestors, when they were in Egypt,  
did not consider your wonderful works;  
they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast  
love,

but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.

<sup>8</sup> Yet he saved them for his name's sake,  
so that he might make known his mighty power.

<sup>9</sup> He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry;  
he led them through the deep as through a desert.

<sup>10</sup> So he saved them from the hand of the foe,  
and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

<sup>11</sup> The waters covered their adversaries;  
not one of them was left.

<sup>12</sup> Then they believed his words;  
they sang his praise.

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

***Remember me, O LORD,  
when you show favor to your people;***

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***help me when you de-liver them.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Romans 16:17-20 NRSV

<sup>17</sup> I urge you, brothers and sisters, to keep an eye on those who cause dissensions and offenses, in opposition to the teaching that you have learned; avoid them. <sup>18</sup> For such people do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the simple-minded. <sup>19</sup> For while your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I want you to be wise in what is good and guileless in what is evil. <sup>20</sup> The God of peace will shortly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.<sup>[c]</sup>

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;OSL]

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

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

**“Christ does not force our will. He takes only what we  
give him. But he does not give himself entirely until  
he sees that we yield ourselves entirely to him .”**

Teresa of Avila

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

+ PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your  
command you drive away from our bodies all sickness  
and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those

we lift today, that their weaknesses may be banished  
and their strength restored; and that with health being  
renewed, all may bless your holy Name; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER] *adapted*

+ 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]

+ PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in  
heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek  
through art and music to perfect the praises offered by  
your people on earth; and grant to them even now  
glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at  
length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR Prisons and Correctional Institutions

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR A CHURCH CONVENTION

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the October meeting of Greater New Jersey Annual Conference for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory.

Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ **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.

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[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ **BLESSING**

May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back,  
may the sun shine warm upon your face,  
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. ***Amen.***

(TRADITIONAL GAELIC PRAYER)