Tuesday, September 29, 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 thanksgiving,* 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 <u>caverns</u> 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

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 28 NRSV

Antiphon:

The Lord is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

1 To you, O LORD, I call;
 my rock, do not refuse to hear me,
 for if you are silent to me,
 I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

 2 Hear the voice of my supplication,
 as I cry to you for help,
 as I lift up my hands
 toward your most holy sanctuary.

³ Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who are workers of evil,

who speak peace with their neighbors, while mischief is in their hearts.

⁴ Repay them according to their work,
 and according to the evil of their deeds;
 repay them according to the work of their hands;
 render them their due reward.

⁵ Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, or the work of his hands,

he will break them down and build them up no more.

⁶ Blessed be the LORD, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.

⁷The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts;

so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

8 The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

⁹ O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

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

The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Silence

+ WORD: Philippians 1:15-21 CEV

¹⁵ Some are preaching about Christ because they are jealous and envious of us. Others are preaching because they want to help. ¹⁶ They love Christ and know that I am here to defend the good news about him. ¹⁷ But the ones who are jealous of us are not sincere. They just want to cause trouble for me while I am in jail. ¹⁸ But that doesn't matter. All that matters is that people are telling about Christ, whether they are sincere or not. That is what makes me glad.

I will keep on being glad, ¹⁹ because I know that your prayers and the help that comes from the Spirit of Christ Jesus will keep me safe. ²⁰ I honestly expect and hope that I will never do anything to be ashamed of. Whether I

live or die, I always want to be as brave as I am now and bring honor to Christ.

²¹ If I live, it will be for Christ, and if I die, I will gain even more.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

We bless you, Adonai, <u>God</u> of *Israel*, for you come to visit us and ransom <u>us</u> from *bondage*. You have brought forth a <u>strong</u> De-*liverer* in the house of <u>your</u> child *David*.

This is what your holy <u>prophets</u> an-nounced: deliverance from enemies and from the hand of <u>all</u> who hate *us*; mercy a-mong our *ancestors*, and remembrance of your <u>ho</u>-ly *covenant*.

This is the promise you swore to our <u>an</u>-cestor, *Abraham*,

to make us <u>un</u>-a-*fraid*,
to rescue us <u>from</u> our *enemies*,
to serve before you, holy and just,
all the days <u>of</u> 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, <u>God</u> our <u>God</u>, the dawn from on <u>high</u> shall *visit us*, to shine on those kept in dungeons and the <u>shadows</u> of <u>death</u> and to guide our feet onto the <u>path</u> of <u>peace</u>.

[LUKE 1:68-79;OSL]

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

+ COMMEMORATION: Michael and All Angels

Michael is portrayed in the scriptures as the captain of the heavenly host, who leads angels and aids humanity in the

fight against the enemies of God. Other angels named in the Bible are Uriel, Raphael, and Gabriel.

In the New Testament, Michael along with his angels appears as the guardian of the kingdom of Christ on earth. Christians have recognized Michael to be a protector, defender, intercessor, healer, and Guardian on behalf of the people of God.

Link #1 - Link #2

+ COLLECT: Michael and All Angels

Eternal, holy God, whose company of angels ever praise, honor, worship, and glorify you: Grant that company guard, protect, and defend us until that day when we stand with them before your throne ever singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord." *Amen.*

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 AGRICULTURE

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; 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]

+ 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)