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Friday, October 23, 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.

+ **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

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

+**MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One* be with you;
And also with you.

Let us pray:

New every morning is your love, great God of light,
and all day long you are working for good in the world.
Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our
neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our
Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

+ **Psalm 1** CEV

***The Law of the LORD makes them happy,
and they think about it day and night.***

God blesses those people
who refuse evil advice
and won't follow sinners
or join in sneering at God.

² Instead, the Law of the LORD
makes them happy,
and they think about it
day and night.

³ They are like trees
growing beside a stream,
trees that produce
fruit in season
and always have leaves.

Those people succeed
in everything they do.

⁴ That isn't true of those
who are evil,
because they are like straw

blown by the wind.

⁵ Sinners won't have an excuse
on the day of judgment,
and they won't have a place
with the people of God.

⁶ The LORD protects everyone
who follows him,
but the wicked follow a road
that leads to ruin.

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

***the Law of the LORD makes them happy,
and they think about it day and night.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Titus 2:7-8, 11-15 CEV

⁷ Always set a good example for others. Be sincere and serious when you teach. ⁸ Use clean language that no one can criticize. Do this, and your enemies will be too ashamed to say anything against you.

¹¹ God has shown us how kind he is by coming to save all people. ¹² He taught us to give up our wicked ways and our worldly desires and to live decent and honest lives in this world. ¹³ We are filled with hope, as we wait for the glorious return of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He gave himself to rescue us from everything that is evil and to make our hearts pure. He wanted us to be his own people and to be eager to do right.

¹⁵ Teach these things, as you use your full authority to encourage and correct people. Make sure you earn everyone's respect.

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: JAMES OF JERUSALEM**

Although the name James appears a number of times in the Gospels, James, the brother of Jesus, appears to not have become a believer until after the resurrection when

Jesus appeared to him. References to James the brother of Jesus after that time all address him as leader of the church in Jerusalem and, as such, met with Paul regarding the acceptance of Gentiles into the church without converting to Judaism. Conflicting reports regarding his martyrdom include stoning and being thrown from the Temple pinnacle for not renouncing the cause of Christ.

For more information: [Link #1](#) [Link #2](#)

+ COLLECT OF THE DAY: **JAMES OF JERUSALEM**

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

* For All the Saints

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

+ PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

+ PRAYER FOR CLERGY and PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and

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other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace: and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

+ 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 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.

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

+ COLLECT FOR FRIDAYS

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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.***

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+ **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.**

+ **BLESSING**

I pray that God, the source of all hope, will infuse your
lives with an abundance of joy and peace in the midst of
your faith so that your hope will overflow through the
power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13 *THE VOICE*

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