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Friday, October 9, 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**

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:

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Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(SAINT THOMAS, ITALY, 13TH CENT., ALT.)

**+ Psalm 23** CEV

Antiphon:

***You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch.  
You honor me as your guest,  
and you fill my cup until it overflows.***

You, LORD, are my shepherd.

I will never be in need.

<sup>2</sup> You let me rest in fields  
of green grass.

You lead me to streams

of peaceful water,

<sup>3</sup> and you refresh my life.

You are true to your name,  
and you lead me  
along the right paths.

<sup>4</sup> I may walk through valleys  
as dark as death,  
but I won't be afraid.

You are with me,  
and your shepherd's rod  
makes me feel safe.

<sup>5</sup> You treat me to a feast,  
while my enemies watch.

You honor me as your guest,  
and you fill my cup  
until it overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Your kindness and love  
will always be with me  
each day of my life,  
and I will live forever  
in your house, LORD.

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

***You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch.  
You honor me as your guest,  
and you fill my cup until it overflows.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** James 4:4-10 CEV

<sup>4</sup> You people aren't faithful to God! Don't you know that if you love the world, you are God's enemies? And if you decide to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Do you doubt the Scriptures that say, "God truly cares about the Spirit he has put in us"? <sup>6</sup> In fact, God treats us with even greater kindness, just as the Scriptures say,

"God opposes everyone  
who is proud,

but he is kind to everyone  
who is humble."

<sup>7</sup> Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Clean up your lives, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you people who can't make up your mind. <sup>9</sup> Be sad and sorry and weep. Stop laughing and start crying. Be gloomy instead of glad. <sup>10</sup> Be humble in the Lord's presence, and he will honor you.

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:**

Wisdom From Oswald Chambers

Defenders of the faith are inclined to be bitter until they  
learn to walk in the light of the Lord. When you have  
learned to walk in the light of the Lord, bitterness and  
contention are impossible.

*Biblical Psychology, 199 R*

Silent reflection

**+ PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

**+ SILENT PRAYER**

Requests known to you

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

***Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

+ FOR A SICK PERSON

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask you to behold, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to live the remainder of

their lives in your awe, and to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ PRAYER FOR THOSE WE LOVE

***Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

+ PRAYER FOR THE CHOICE OF  
FIT PERSONS FOR THE MINISTRY

O God, who lead your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our

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

+ COLLECT OF THE HOLY CROSS *for Fridays*

***Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

+ HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
That I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
That I always may be holy.

+ 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.**

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+ BLESSING

May God grant that you may be strengthened in your  
inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that  
Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are  
being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17

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