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Monday, October 19, 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-va-tion.  
***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:

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 98 CEV**

***Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;  
Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.***

Sing a new song to the LORD!

He has worked miracles,  
and with his own powerful arm,  
he has won the victory.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD has shown the nations  
that he has the power to save  
and to bring justice.

<sup>3</sup> God has been faithful  
in his love for Israel,  
and his saving power is seen  
everywhere on earth.

<sup>4</sup> Tell everyone on this earth  
to sing happy songs  
in praise of the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> Make music for him on harps.  
Play beautiful melodies!

<sup>6</sup> Sound the trumpets and horns  
and celebrate with joyful songs  
for our LORD and King!

<sup>7</sup> Command the ocean to roar  
with all of its creatures,  
and the earth to shout  
with all of its people.

<sup>8</sup> Order the rivers  
to clap their hands,  
and all of the hills  
to sing together.

<sup>9</sup> Let them worship the LORD!  
He is coming to judge  
everyone on the earth,  
and he will be honest  
and fair.

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

***Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;  
Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Revelation 18:1-10 CEV

I saw another angel come from heaven. This one had  
great power, and the earth was bright because of his  
glory. <sup>2</sup>The angel shouted,

“Fallen! Powerful Babylon  
has fallen  
and is now the home  
of demons.  
It is the den  
of every filthy spirit  
and of all unclean birds,  
and every dirty  
and hated animal.

<sup>3</sup> Babylon’s evil and immoral wine  
has made all nations drunk.  
Every king on earth  
has slept with her,  
and every merchant on earth  
is rich  
because of  
her evil desires.”

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard another voice  
from heaven shout,  
“My people, you must escape  
from Babylon.  
Don’t take part in her sins  
and share her punishment.

<sup>5</sup> Her sins are piled  
as high as heaven.  
God has remembered the evil  
she has done.

<sup>6</sup> Treat her as she  
has treated others.  
Make her pay double  
for what she has done.

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Make her drink twice as much  
of what she mixed  
for others.

<sup>7</sup> That woman honored herself  
with a life of luxury.

Reward her now  
with suffering and pain.

“Deep in her heart

Babylon said,

‘I am the queen!

Never will I be a widow  
or know what it means  
to be sad.’

<sup>8</sup> And so, in a single day  
she will suffer the pain  
of sorrow, hunger, and death.

Fire will destroy  
her dead body,  
because her judge  
is the powerful Lord God.”

<sup>9</sup> Every king on earth who slept with her and shared in  
her luxury will mourn. They will weep, when they see the

smoke from that fire. <sup>10</sup> Her sufferings will frighten them,  
and they will stand at a distance and say,

“Pity that great  
and powerful city!

Pity Babylon!

In a single hour  
her judgment has come.”

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: Jacob Arminius**

Jacob Arminius, was a Dutch pastor and theologian, born in 1559. He spent most of his pastorate in the city of Amsterdam where he opposed the predestination position of Calvinism, even as it became the official state religion. To Arminius, *predestination* meant that all who accept Christ are predestined to be saved by God, but it is the choice of the individual to accept or reject God in the life of Christ. Many of the teachings of Arminius were embraced by John Wesley and are a part of the Methodist tradition.

Silent reflection

**+ COLLECT: Jacob Arminius**

Almighty God, you gave to your servant Jacob Arminius special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant that by this teaching we may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen***.

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

**+ 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*

**+ PRAYERS FOR COURTS OF JUSTICE**

Almighty God, who sits in the throne judging right: We humbly request you to bless the courts of justice and the judges in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of

wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

BCP - adapted

**+ 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.***

**+ PRAYER FOR PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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.

+ **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)

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