

Monday, October 5, 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.**

+ **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:

Oh God, The Holy Spirit,
come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew, and refresh;
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives
to our great good and to your greater glory;
and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

[UM Book of Worship.]

+ Psalm 144 CEV Prayer for National Deliverance and Security

Antiphon:

***Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down;
touch the mountains so that they smoke.***

Of David.

¹ Blessed be the LORD, my rock,
who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;
² my rock^[a] and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield, in whom I take refuge,
who subdues the peoples^[b] under me.
³ O LORD, what are human beings that you regard them,
or mortals that you think of them?
⁴ They are like a breath;
their days are like a passing shadow.
⁵ Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down;
touch the mountains so that they smoke.
⁶ Make the lightning flash and scatter them;
send out your arrows and rout them.
⁷ Stretch out your hand from on high;
set me free and rescue me from the mighty waters,

from the hand of aliens,
⁸ whose mouths speak lies,
and whose right hands are false.
⁹ I will sing a new song to you, O God;
upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,
¹⁰ the one who gives victory to kings,
who rescues his servant David.
¹¹ Rescue me from the cruel sword,
and deliver me from the hand of aliens,
whose mouths speak lies,
and whose right hands are false.
¹² May our sons in their youth
be like plants full grown,
our daughters like corner pillars,
cut for the building of a palace.
¹³ May our barns be filled,
with produce of every kind;
may our sheep increase by thousands,
by tens of thousands in our fields,
¹⁴ and may our cattle be heavy with young.
May there be no breach in the walls,^[c] no exile,
and no cry of distress in our streets.

¹⁵ Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall;
happy are the people whose God is the LORD.

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

***Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down;
touch the mountains so that they smoke.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** 1 Peter 2:4-10 CEV

⁴ Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. ⁵ And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God. ⁶ It is just as God says in the Scriptures,

“Look! I am placing in Zion
a choice and precious
cornerstone.

No one who has faith

in that one
will be disappointed.”

⁷ You are followers of the Lord, and that stone is precious to you. But it isn't precious to those who refuse to follow him. They are the builders who tossed aside the stone that turned out to be the most important one of all. ⁸ They disobeyed the message and stumbled and fell over that stone, because they were doomed.

⁹ But you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things that he has done. The Scriptures say,

¹⁰ “Once you were nobody.
Now you are God's people.
At one time no one
had pity on you.
Now God has treated you
with kindness.

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: William Tyndale**

(usually commemorated October 6th)

William Tyndale was burned at the stake for his passion and determination to translate the Bible into English. So opposed to his ideas was the church (and the King of England), that he was a fugitive for 12 years while he studied and translated from Latin, Hebrew and Greek. All printing of his work was done in secret and smuggled back into England as he moved around Europe, living in disguise during the time of such church upheaval.

“Tyndale’s translation work is found in every English translation since his own. When King James arranged for a new translation of Scripture, 50 of the

finest scholars were commissioned. Yet they could not improve on Tyndale's work. Roughly 84% of the New Testament and 76% of the Old Testament in the King James Version is the work of Tyndale!"

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+ COLLECT: **William Tyndale**

Almighty God, you gave to your servant William Tyndale 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.**

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

+ PRAYERS FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Gracious God, as your son wept with Mary and Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, look with compassion this day on those who grieve. Grant them the assurance of your presence now and faith in your eternal goodness, that in them may be fulfilled the promise that those who mourn shall be comforted; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[UM Hymnal] - adapted

+ PRAYER FOR THE AGED

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength

diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER - adapted]

+ 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.***

[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

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,

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and give you peace. ***Amen.***

(NUMBERS 6:24-26)