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Saturday, October 10, 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.

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**+ 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.

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: Mark 2:18-22 CEV

<sup>18</sup> The followers of John the Baptist and the Pharisees often went without eating. Some people came and asked

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Jesus, “Why do the followers of John and those of the Pharisees often go without eating, while your disciples never do?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered:

The friends of a bridegroom don’t go without eating while he is still with them. <sup>20</sup> But the time will come when he will be taken from them. Then they will go without eating.

<sup>21</sup> No one patches old clothes by sewing on a piece of new cloth. The new piece would shrink and tear a bigger hole.

<sup>22</sup> No one pours new wine into old wineskins. The wine would swell and burst the old skins. Then the wine would be lost, and the skins would be ruined. New wine must be put into new wineskins.

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]

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

+ **A READING FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION:**

**“We should so work  
as if we were to be saved by our works;  
and so rely on Jesus Christ, as if we did no works.”**

Bishop Francis Asbury

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.***

+ FOR VICTIMS OF ADDICTION

***O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.***

+ 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

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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 PEACE

Almighty God, kindle, we ask you, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your domain may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may abound in hope. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

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