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Thursday, October 1, 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.***

[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 (OSH PSALTER)]

+ **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One* be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray:

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Dawn from on high,
Your light illumines all our days.
Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.
Be merciful in us for the sake of others.
Make us fearless when confronting injustice and need,
that we may give you glory in the power of the Spirit.
Amen. [DTB]

+ Psalm 80:7-15 CEV

Antiphon:

***Lord God All-Powerful, make us strong again!
Smile on us and save us.***

⁷ But if you smile on us,
we will be saved.

⁸ We were like a grapevine you brought out of Egypt.
You chased other nations away and planted us here.

⁹ Then you cleared the ground,
and we put our roots deep, spreading over the land.

¹⁰ Shade from this vine covered the mountains.

Its branches climbed the mighty cedars

¹¹ and stretched to the sea;
its new growth reached to the river.

¹² Our Lord, why have you torn down the wall
from around the vineyard?
You let everyone who walks by pick the grapes.
¹³ Now the vine is gobbled down
by pigs from the forest and other wild animals.
¹⁴ God All-Powerful, please do something!
Look down from heaven
and see what's happening to this vine.
¹⁵ With your own hands you planted its roots,
and you raised it as your very own.

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

***Lord God All-Powerful, make us strong again!
Smile on us and save us.***

Silence

+ WORD: Colossians 2:16-23

¹⁶ Don't let anyone tell you what you must eat or drink.
Don't let them say that you must celebrate the New
Moon festival, the Sabbath, or any other festival.

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¹⁷ These things are only a shadow of what was to come.
But Christ is real!

¹⁸ Don't be cheated by people who make a show of acting humble and who worship angels. They brag about seeing visions. But it is all nonsense, because their minds are filled with selfish desires. ¹⁹ They are no longer part of Christ, who is the head of the whole body. Christ gives the body its strength, and he uses its joints and muscles to hold it together, as it grows by the power of God.

²⁰ You died with Christ. Now the forces of the universe don't have any power over you. Why do you live as if you had to obey such rules as, ²¹ "Don't handle this. Don't taste that. Don't touch this."? ²² After these things are used, they are no longer good for anything. So why be bothered with the rules that humans have made up? ²³ Obeying these rules may seem to be the smart thing to do. They appear to make you love God more and to be very humble and to have control over your body. But they don't really have any power over our desires.

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: George Whitefield** (Sept. 30th)

George Whitefield met John and Charles Wesley at Oxford University and became an influential member of the “Methodist” holy club. He followed the Wesleys to Georgia and founded an orphanage in Savannah.

On his return to England he was banned from pulpits because of his “enthusiasm” in preaching. Wakefield then began preaching to coal miners outdoors and stirred up a religious revival.

[Link #1](#) - [Link #2](#)

+ COLLECT: **George Whitefield**

God, our Creator and Redeemer, anoint from among your people zealous and faithful preachers like George Whitefield and give us ears to hear the gospel that your image may be fully restored in us through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

FOR ALL THE SAINTS - OSL

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

+ SILENT PRAYER

Requests known to you

+ PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that

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their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.***

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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.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ BLESSING

God be in your head, and in your understanding.
God be in your eyes, and in your looking.
God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.
God be in your heart, and in your thinking.
God be at your end, and at your departing.

(SARUM LITURGY, ENGLAND, 13TH CENT., ALT.)