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Tuesday, October 20, 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**

(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

+ **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One* be with you;
And also with you.

Let us pray:
We give you hearty thanks for the rest of the past night
and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of
pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the
perfect freedom of your service, that at eventide we may
again give thanks unto you. ***Amen.***

[UM Book of Worship]

+ **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.

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

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

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

⁵ Make music for him on harps.
Play beautiful melodies!

⁶ Sound the trumpets and horns

and celebrate with joyful songs
for our LORD and King!

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

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

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

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

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Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.***

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+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **WORD: Revelation 18:21-24** CEV

²¹ A powerful angel then picked up a huge stone and threw it into the sea. The angel said,

“This is how the great city
of Babylon

will be thrown down,
never to rise again.

²² The music of harps and singers
and of flutes and trumpets
will no longer be heard.

No workers will ever
set up shop in that city,
and the sound
of grinding grain
will be silenced forever.

²³ Lamps will no longer shine
anywhere in Babylon,
and couples will never again
say wedding vows there.
Her merchants ruled

the earth,
and by her witchcraft
she fooled all nations.
²⁴ On the streets of Babylon
is found the blood
of God’s people
and of his prophets,
and everyone else.”

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:

“Forgiveness means that I continually am willing to
forgive the other person for not being God — for not

fulfilling all my needs. I, too, must ask forgiveness for not
being able to fulfill other people's needs. ... The
interesting thing is that when you can forgive people for
not being God, then you can celebrate that they are a
reflection of God.”

Henri Nouwen

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ PRAYERS

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

Let us pray:

+ SILENT PRAYER

+ FOR HEALTH OF BODY AND SOUL

For those we have lifted up today, may God the Father
bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit
give you strength. May God the holy and undivided

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Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

+ 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.

+ PRAYERS FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially administrators and teachers in this time of pandemic, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ PRAYERS FOR OUR ENEMIES

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.***

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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.**

+ **BLESSING**

Before us it is blessed, behind us it is blessed,
below us it is blessed, above us it is blessed,
around us it is blessed as we set out with Christ.
Our speech is blessed as we set out for God.
With beauty before us, with beauty behind us,
with beauty below us, with beauty above us,
with beauty around us, we set out for a holy place
indeed. **Amen.** (TRADITIONAL NAVAHO PRAYER, ALT.)

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