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Tuesday, October 6, 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

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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 144** NRSV **A Prayer for the Nation**

Antiphon:

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

¹ Blessed be the LORD, my rock,
who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;
² my rock and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield, in whom I take refuge,
who subdues the peoples 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,

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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, 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:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 CEV

¹⁷ Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The
past is forgotten, and everything is new. ¹⁸ God has done
it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and

us, and he has given us the work of making peace
between himself and others.

¹⁹ What we mean is that God was in Christ, offering
peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And
he has given us the work of sharing his message about
peace. ²⁰ We were sent to speak for Christ, and God is
begging you to listen to our message. We speak for
Christ and sincerely ask you to make peace with God.

²¹ Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner,
so that Christ could make us acceptable to God.

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-*fr*aid,

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;OSL]

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,

one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

+ COMMEMORATION: Jennie Fowler Willig

Jennie Fowler Willing stood convinced, based upon her reading of scripture, that those eras in the history of Christianity fostering disdain for women were times of “retrograde Christianity.” “The Bible is a woman’s Magna Charta,” she wrote. “Women never had and never can have a firmer, better friend than the Son of Mary.”

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+ COLLECT: Jennie Fowler Willig

God our Teacher, from whom comes all true knowledge: so bind your words to our lives and write them on the tablets of our hearts, that we may not be swayed by false winds; and grant us faithful guides like your servant Jenny Fowler Willig, that our path to you be made straight and sure 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*

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Silent reflection

+ 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.

+ 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.

+ PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants celebrating birthdays this day as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF SELF-DEDICATION

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through 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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