

# Morning Prayer

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+ **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. \* OSL  
***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 CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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.***

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+ **Psalm 5** NRSV

***Listen to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God,  
for to you I pray.***

<sup>1</sup> Give ear to my words, O LORD;  
give heed to my *sighing*.

<sup>2</sup> Listen to the sound of my *cry*,  
my King and my God,  
for to you I *pray*.

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, in the morning you hear my *voice*;  
in the morning I plead my case to you, and *watch*.

<sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who delights in wick-ed-ness;  
evil will not so-journ with *you*.

<sup>5</sup> The boastful will not stand be-fore your eyes;  
you hate all e-vil-*doers*.

<sup>6</sup> You destroy those who speak *lies*;  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de-*ceitful*.

<sup>7</sup> But I, through the abundance of your stead-fast love,  
will enter your *house*,

I will bow down toward your ho-ly *temple*  
in awe of *you*.

<sup>8</sup> Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness

because of my *enemies*;  
make your way straight be-fore *me*.

<sup>9</sup> For there is no truth in their *mouths*;  
their hearts are *destruction*;  
their throats are o-pen *graves*;  
they flatter with their *tongues*.

<sup>10</sup> Make them bear their guilt, O God;  
let them fall by their own *counsels*;  
because of their many transgressions cast them *out*,  
for they have rebelled against *you*.

<sup>11</sup> But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for *joy*.

Spread your protection over them,  
so that those who love your name may ex-ult in *you*.

<sup>12</sup> For you bless the right-eous, O LORD;  
you cover them with favor as with a *shield*.

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

***Listen to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God,  
for to you I pray.***

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **WORD:** Acts 13:1-12 CEV

13 The church at Antioch had several prophets and teachers. They were Barnabas, Simeon, also called Niger, Lucius from Cyrene, Manaen, who was Herod's close friend, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and going without eating, the Holy Spirit told them, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul to do the work for which I have chosen them." <sup>3</sup> Everyone prayed and went without eating for a while longer. Next, they placed their hands on Barnabas and Saul to show that they had been appointed to do this work. Then everyone sent them on their way.

<sup>4</sup> After Barnabas and Saul had been sent by the Holy Spirit, they went to Seleucia. From there they sailed to the island of Cyprus. <sup>5</sup> They arrived at Salamis and began to preach God's message in the Jewish meeting places. They also had John<sup>[a]</sup> as a helper.

<sup>6</sup> Barnabas and Saul went all the way to the city of Paphos on the other end of the island, where they met a Jewish man named Bar-Jesus. He practiced witchcraft and was a false prophet. <sup>7</sup> He also worked for Sergius Paulus, who

was very smart and was the governor of the island. Sergius Paulus wanted to hear God's message, and he sent for Barnabas and Saul. <sup>8</sup> But Bar-Jesus, whose other name was Elymas, was against them. He even tried to keep the governor from having faith in the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> Then Saul, better known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He looked straight at Elymas <sup>10</sup> and said, "You son of the devil! You are a liar, a crook, and an enemy of everything that is right. When will you stop speaking against the true ways of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> The Lord is going to punish you by making you completely blind for a while."

Suddenly the man's eyes were covered by a dark mist, and he went around trying to get someone to lead him by the hand. <sup>12</sup> When the governor saw what had happened, he was amazed at this teaching about the Lord. So he put his faith in the Lord.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

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## + 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: Richard Hooker

**Richard Hooker lived during the reformation of the  
English Church – leaving Catholicism and  
determining what “church” meant if not filled with  
Catholic traditions and liturgy. As a leading English  
theologian in the late 1500s, he was able to offer a  
‘middle ground’ between the old traditions and those  
demanded by the Puritans who felt if it was not in  
the Scriptures, it was not in church. Hooker’s effect  
on Methodism can be found in his middle way as it  
included tradition from the past and scriptural  
authority – but with reason and understanding.**

**A quote from his writing translated into modern  
English says: "If you can't take the intellectual heat,  
get out of the kitchen. If you can't stand a book that  
makes you think, go read the funny papers."**

James Kiefer

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **COLLECT**: Richard Hooker

**O God, by your Holy Spirit you give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge, and to others the word of faith: We praise your Name for the gifts of grace manifested in your servant Richard Hooker, and we pray that your Church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

*For more information:* [Link #1](#) - [Link #2](#)

+ **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 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 merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

+ **PRAYERS FOR RAIN in wildfire areas**

O God, heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has promised to all those who seek your kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send, we ask you, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers in the area of wildfires, that lives and property may be saved, and we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

+ PRAYER FOR IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; 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.*

+ 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.**

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