

Saturday, January 30, 2021

+ **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. * OS�

Satisfy us in the morning
with your steadfast love, O God,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

+ **MORNING CANTICLE OF WISDOM**

Wisdom has built her house, setting up seven pillars.
She has prepared the food and wine and set her table.

She has sent out her servants
to call out from the Heights above the city:

"Let those who want enlightenment come.
Come, taste my bread and drink my spiced wine.

Give up your foolishness and live,
And walk the path of understanding."

If you are wise, your reward is wisdom;
If you teach the just, they grow in understanding.
Wisdom begins with reverence for God,
and knowledge of the holy one is insight.

* OS�

+ **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 111** CEV

Everything the LORD does is glorious and ma-jestic,
and his power to bring justice will nev-er end.

¹ Shout praises to the LORD!
With all my heart

I will thank the LORD

when his peo-ple *meet*.

² The LORD has done

many wonder-ful *things!*

Everyone who is pleased

with God's marvelous deeds

will keep them in *mind*.

³ Everything the LORD does

is glorious and *ma-jestic*,

and his power to bring justice

will nev-er end.

⁴ The LORD God is famous

for his wonder-ful *deeds*,

and he is kind and mer-ci-ful.

⁵ He gives food to his *worshippers*

and always keeps his a-gree-ment

with *them*.

⁶ He has shown his mighty power

to his *people*

and has given them the lands

of other *nations*.

⁷ God is always honest and *fair*,

and his laws can be *trusted*.

⁸ They are true and *right*

and will stand for-*ever*.

⁹ God rescued his people,

and he will nev-er *break*

his agreement with them.

He is fear-some and *holy*.

¹⁰ Respect and obey the *LORD!*

This is the first step

to wisdom and good sense.

God will always be re-*spected*.

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

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

***Everything the LORD does is glorious and ma-jestic,
and his power to bring justice will nev-er end.***

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **WORD:** Matthew 8:28-9:1 CEV

²⁸ After Jesus had crossed the lake, he came to shore near the town of Gadara and started down the road. Two men with demons in them came to him from the tombs.

They were so fierce that no one could travel that way.

²⁹ Suddenly they shouted, “Jesus, Son of God, what do you want with us? Have you come to punish us before our time?”

³⁰ Not far from there a large herd of pigs was feeding.

³¹ So the demons begged Jesus, “If you force us out, please send us into those pigs!” ³² Jesus told them to go, and they went out of the men and into the pigs. All at once the pigs rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³³ The people taking care of the pigs ran to the town and told everything, especially what had happened to the two men. ³⁴ Everyone in town came out to meet Jesus. When they saw him, they begged him to leave their part of the country.

^{9:1} Jesus got into a boat and crossed back over to the town where he lived.

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*.

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

+ **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

+ **COMMEMORATION: JOHN RALEIGH MOTT** (tr 1/31)

Lay evangelist, ecumenist, and president of the World Council of Churches, Mott was the most important Methodist ecumenist of the early twentieth century. Born in 1865 in Purvis, New York, his family soon moved west to Pottsville, Iowa, where he was raised until he returned to upstate New York to attend college at Cornell University. During his sophomore year, Mott felt a call to ministry and became involved in the Cornell University Christian Association, the YMCA, and the Student Volunteer Movement. His participation in these organizations planted in him his long interest in ecumenical cooperation.

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The coming of World War I divided the nations among which Mott was working. Even so he did not give up in despair but set at once about saving the fragments." After the war, he continued his ecumenical efforts, traveling the world as an ambassador for peace, ecumenism, and Christian unity. These efforts culminated in the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948. Mott was credited for his direct influence upon ten generations of students, from which the World Council's early leadership was largely drawn. In 1946 he was awarded the Nobel

Peace Prize. On this occasion he summarized his life as "an earnest and undiscourageable effort to weave together all nations, all races and all religious communions in friendliness, in fellowship and in cooperation." Shortly before his death, Mott reaffirmed a statement he made in 1933: "While life lasts I am an evangelist."

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+SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **COLLECT:** JOHN RALEIGH MOTT

Strong Word of God, by whom the world was created,
in whom the world is redeemed,
Always send forth heralds like John Raleigh Mott,
to bear the good news, that your saving way may be
made known in every place and time,
in every land and to every people,
for your sake and for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

* For All the Saints

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray: *(stop and pray for those on your heart today)*

+ PRAYER OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

***Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplication to
you; and you have promised through your well-
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may
be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.
Amen.***

+ 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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

+ PRAYER FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our

supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ A COLLECT FOR SATURDAYS

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; 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**

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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