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Thursday, January 28, 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.

* 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 JOY

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting;

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 100

+ MORNING PRAYER

The Holy One* be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Oh God, The Holy Spirit,

come to us, and among us;

come as the wind, and cleanse us;

come as the fire, and burn;

come as the dew, and refresh;

convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to

our great good and to your greater glory;

and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. ***Amen***

[UM Book of Worship.]

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+ **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 worshipers

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

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+ **WORD: Romans 9:6-18** CEV

⁶ It cannot be said that God broke his promise. After all, not all of the people of Israel are the true people of God. ⁷⁻

⁸ In fact, when God made the promise to Abraham, he meant only Abraham's descendants by his son Isaac. God was talking only about Isaac when he promised ⁹ Sarah, "At this time next year I will return, and you will already have a son."

¹⁰ Don't forget what happened to the twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah. ¹¹⁻¹² Even before they were born or had done anything good or bad, the Lord told Rebekah that her older son would serve the younger one. The Lord said this to show that he makes his own choices and that it wasn't because of anything either of them had done.

¹³ That's why the Scriptures say that the Lord liked Jacob more than Esau.

¹⁴ Are we saying that God is unfair? Certainly not! ¹⁵ The Lord told Moses that he has pity and mercy on anyone he wants to. ¹⁶ Everything then depends on God's mercy and not on what people want or do. ¹⁷ In the Scriptures the Lord says to Pharaoh of Egypt, "I let you become Pharaoh, so that I could show you my power and be praised by all people on earth." ¹⁸ Everything depends on

what God decides to do, and he can either have pity on people or make them stubborn.

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*,

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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*.

+ **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: THOMAS AQUINAS**

Thomas, the youngest son of a noble family, studied for the priesthood at the Benedictine Abbey of Monte Cassino but shocked his family by joining the Dominican Order, committing himself to the ideals of poverty and study. While on his way to Paris for his training, Thomas was captured by his family and imprisoned for over a year, resisting their attempts -- including temptation by a

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prostitute -- to dissuade him from his calling. In Paris his classmates, probably intimidated by his enormous power of concentration and his imposing physical stature, dubbed him the "Dumb Ox," but the Church would later honor him as its "Angelic Doctor."

Girded with the confidence that all truth is of God, Thomas tirelessly devoted his life to seeking and teaching Truth. In a lasting achievement, he disarmed the "secular" science of Aristotle that appeared to threaten Christian faith by carefully combing through Aristotle's works, separating the truths from the errors and demonstrating the compatibility of the new science with Christianity.

Ever the humble teacher, Thomas wrote his most famous work, an enormous summation and brilliant exposition of Christian doctrine, for beginners. His *Summa Theologiae* traces out the workings of God's love in creation and redemption, culminating in friendship with God in love, the "Visio Dei" (Vision of God).

He took his own lessons to heart. On December 6, 1273, upon returning from Mass to his work on the last sections of his *Summa*, Thomas caught a glimpse of the inexpressible mystery and grandeur of God and fell silent, leaving his great *Summa* unfinished. He later confided to

his secretary and friend Reginald of Piperno, "I can write no more. All that I have hitherto written seems to me nothing but straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." [lxxxix]

After some initial contestation of his teachings, Thomas was canonized by Pope John XXII in 1323. He was made a Doctor of the Church in 1567, and in 1879, Pope Leo XII proclaimed him the "Common Doctor" of the Catholic Church, the standard of orthodoxy. His faithfulness to scriptural and natural revelation and his respect for the workings of reason and science within Christian faith continue to provide a model for Christians seeking an understanding of their faith.

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+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

COLLECT: THOMAS AQUINAS

Almighty God, who has enriched your Church with the singular learning and holiness of your servant Thomas Aquinas: Enlighten us more and more, we pray, by the disciplined thinking and teaching of Christian scholars,

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and deepen our devotion by the example of saintly lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

+ 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.

+ PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Gracious God, as your son wept with Mary and Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, look with compassion this day on those who grieve. Grant them the assurance of your presence now and faith in your eternal goodness, that in them may be fulfilled the promise that those who mourn shall be comforted; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

United Methodist Hymnal - *adapted*

+ FOR PEACE

Almighty God, kindle, we ask you, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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+ FOR VICTIMS OF ADDICTION

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. 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.

+ 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

I pray that God, the source of all hope, will infuse our lives with an abundance of joy and peace in the midst of our faith, so that our hope will overflow through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13 THE VOICE

Morning Prayer

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