

Saturday, February 13, 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.***

+ **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.***

* OSL

+ **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 50:1-6** NRSV

***Pray to me in time of trouble.
I will rescue you, and you will hon-or me.***

¹ From east to west,
the powerful LORD God

has been calling together
every-one on *earth*.

² God shines brightly from *Zion*,
the most beauti-ful *city*.

³ Our God approaches,
but not *silently*,
a flaming fire comes first,
and a storm surrounds *him*.

⁴ God comes to judge his *people*.
He shouts to the heavens
and to the *earth*,

⁵ “Call my followers *together!*
They offered me a sacrifice,
and we made an *agreement.*”

⁶ The heavens *announce*,
“God is the judge,
and he is al-ways *honest.*”

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

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+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **WORD:** **Luke 19:41-44** CEV

⁴¹ When Jesus came closer and could see Jerusalem, he
cried ⁴² and said:

It is too bad that today your people don't know what will
bring them peace! Now it is hidden from them.

⁴³ Jerusalem, the time will come when your enemies will
build walls around you to attack you. Armies will surround
you and close in on you from every side. ⁴⁴ They will level
you to the ground and kill your people. Not one stone in
your buildings will be left on top of another. This will
happen because you did not see that God had come to
save you.

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: ABSALOM JONES**

Absalom Jones, the first Black priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church, served his people as a caring priest and a leader of the African-American community. Jones was born a slave in Sussex, Delaware in 1746. At sixteen, Absalom was taken to Philadelphia. There he learned to write and began attending night school. In Pennsylvania during Jones' lifetime, "universal freedom" was a prevailing notion among many whites, and a law passed in 1780 in Pennsylvania called for the eventual abolition of slavery.

It was in this context that Jones became an active member in the mostly white congregation of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church. By 1787, Black membership had increased along with white resentment. One Sunday, white church trustees asked Jones, Richard Allen, and other Black worshippers to move to the newly built gallery, trying to pull them off their knees while in prayer. He then led other Black members out of the church following the service. They would not worship at St. George's again.

That group voted to affiliate with the Protestant Episcopal Church rather than the Methodist Episcopal Church, and on July 17, 1794 the St. Thomas African Episcopal

Church was dedicated with Jones as its first ordained priest. Father Jones was known for his frequent visitations, strong pastoral qualities, and constant support of the advancement of Black people. While never forgetting the evils of slavery, he preached a message of liberation without bitterness.[xcix] In 1793, during a yellow fever epidemic, he and other parishioners cared for the sick. St. Thomas organized schools and mutual aid societies, and in 1799 and 1800, Jones was involved with petitioning the state legislature and Congress to end slavery.

* For All the Saints

+SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **COLLECT: ABSALOM JONES**

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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)*

+ 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.

+ PRAYERS FOR UNITY OF THE CHURCH

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and harmony; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and

peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

+ FOR THE RIGHT USE OF GOD'S GIFTS

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

+ 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.**

+ **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.**

Morning Prayer

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