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Thursday, April 1, 2021

*To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
because we have rebelled against him and have not
obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his
laws which he set before us. Daniel 9:9, 10*

*** 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

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*** CANTICLE OF REDEMPTION**

From a sea of troubles
I call out to you, LORD.
Won't you please listen
as I beg for mercy?
**If you kept record of our sins,
no one could last long.
But you forgive us,
and so we will worship you.**
With all my heart,
I am waiting, LORD, for you!
I trust your promises.
I wait for you more eagerly
than a soldier on guard duty
waits for the dawn.
Yes, I wait more eagerly
than a soldier on guard duty
waits for the dawn.
**Israel, trust the LORD!
He is always merciful,
and he has the power to save you.
Israel, the LORD will save you
from all of your sins.**

PSALM 130

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* **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 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.

St. Augustine

* **WORD: Jeremiah 20:7-11** CEV

⁷ You tricked me, LORD,
and I was really fooled.

You are stronger than I am,
and you have defeated me.

People never stop sneering
and insulting me.

⁸ You have let me announce

only destruction and death.

Your message has brought me
nothing but insults

and trouble.

⁹ Sometimes I tell myself
not to think about you, LORD,
or even mention your name.

But your message burns
in my heart and bones,
and I cannot keep silent.

¹⁰ I heard the crowds whisper,
“Everyone is afraid.

Now’s our chance
to accuse Jeremiah!”

All of my so-called friends
are just waiting

for me to make a mistake.

They say, “Maybe Jeremiah
can be tricked.

Then we can overpower him
and get even at last.”

¹¹ But you, LORD,
are a mighty soldier,

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standing at my side.
Those troublemakers
will fall down and fail—
terribly embarrassed,
forever ashamed.

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* [Psalm 102:1-14](#) NRSV

***Every generation of those
who serve you will live in your presence.***

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD;
let my cry come to you.
² Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress.
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call.
³ For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.

⁴ My heart is stricken and withered like grass;
I am too wasted to eat my bread.
⁵ Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my skin.
⁶ I am like an owl of the wilderness,
like a little owl of the waste places.
⁷ I lie awake;
I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.
⁸ All day long my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.
⁹ For I eat ashes like bread,
and mingle tears with my drink,
¹⁰ because of your indignation and anger;
for you have lifted me up and thrown me aside.
¹¹ My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.
¹² But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
your name endures to all generations.
¹³ You will rise up and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to favor it;
the appointed time has come.
¹⁴ For your servants hold its stones dear,
and have pity on its dust.

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

***Every generation of those
who serve you will live in your presence.***

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **WORD: John 17:1-11** CEV

After Jesus had finished speaking to his disciples, he
looked up toward heaven and prayed:

Father, the time has come for you to bring glory to your
Son, in order that he may bring glory to you. ² And you
gave him power over all people, so that he would give
eternal life to everyone you give him. ³ Eternal life is to
know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ,
the one you sent. ⁴ I have brought glory to you here on
earth by doing everything you gave me to do. ⁵ Now,
Father, give me back the glory that I had with you before
the world was created.

⁶ You have given me some followers from this world, and I
have shown them what you are like. They were yours, but

you gave them to me, and they have obeyed you. ⁷ They
know that you gave me everything I have. ⁸ I told my
followers what you told me, and they accepted it. They
know that I came from you, and they believe that you are
the one who sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them, but not for
those who belong to this world. My followers belong to
you, and I am praying for them. ¹⁰ All that I have is yours,
and all that you have is mine, and they will bring glory to
me.

¹¹ Holy Father, I am no longer in the world. I am coming to
you, but my followers are still in the world. So keep them
safe by the power of the name that you have given me.
Then they will be one with each other, just as you and I
are one.

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*.

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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.*

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* **COMMEMORATION: John Donne** *(tr 3/31)*

Donne was born into a wealthy Roman Catholic family in Protestant England in 1572. The imprisonment and death of his younger brother drove John to investigate the debates which rent the Church: "Show me, dear Christ, thy spouse, so bright and clear" was his earnest prayer. Eventually accepting Anglicanism, Donne embarked on a promising career in government service. After an illegal marriage with Ann More (the niece of Lord Ellesmere) brought his political career to a standstill, Donne strove to gain new patrons, dedicating religious and commemorative poetry to nobles and religious tracts to the king, who several times urged him to accept ordination. Donne wrestled with his vocation for forty-two years before finally abandoning secular in favor of ecclesiastical ambition. His ordination in 1615 was a coming home: "I date my life from my Ministry; for I received mercy, as I received the Ministry."

* For All the Saints

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **COLLECT: John Donne**

Gracious God, by the holy example of John Donne you have drawn us more deeply into the mystery of your way with the world: Grant that as living members of the family of saints we might be made perfect in love and join their ceaseless life of praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, from generation to generation. 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 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.

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* 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

* PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in

the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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.

* COLLECT: Maundy Thursday

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord,

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who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* BCP

* 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

The Lord bless us and keep us;
the Lord make his face to shine upon us,
and be gracious to us;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon us,
and give us peace. **Amen.**

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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