

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

On this day the Lord has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

*** 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 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:

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.]

* **1st READING:** Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27 CEB

¹⁰ Look, the day! Look, it comes!

Doom has arrived! The staff blossoms, and pride
springs up!

¹¹ Violence rises up as a wicked master.

It isn't from others or their armies or their violence.

It hasn't loomed up because of them.

¹² The time is coming! The day draws near!

No buyer should rejoice, and no seller should mourn,
because wrath overcomes the whole crowd.

¹³ The seller will never get back what was sold,
even if both of them survive.

The vision concerns the whole crowd.

It won't be revoked.

And the guilty ones—

they won't even be able to hang on to their lives.

¹⁴ They have blown the horn,

and everything is ready, but no one goes to battle,
because my wrath overcomes the whole crowd.

¹⁵ Outside, the sword! Inside, plague and famine!

Whoever is out in the field will die by the sword.

Whoever is in the city,

plague and famine will consume them.

²³ Make a chain!

The earth is full of perverted justice,
the city full of violence.

²⁴ I'll bring up the cruelest nations,

and they will seize their houses.

I'll break their proud strength,

and their sanctuaries will be defiled.

²⁵ Disaster! It has come!

They seek peace, but there is none.

²⁶ One disaster comes after another,

and rumor follows rumor.

They seek a vision from the prophet.

Instruction disappears from the priest,
and counsel from the elders.

²⁷ The king will go into mourning,

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the prince will clothe himself in despair,
and the hands of the land's people will tremble.
When I do to them as they have done
and judge them by their own justice,
they will know that I am the LORD.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **Psalm 97** NRSV

***Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!***

¹ The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the
foundation of his throne.

³ Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

⁴ His lightnings light up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.

⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.

⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.

⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

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

***¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!***

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **WORD:** Luke 10:1-17 CEB

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. ² He said to them, “The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. ³ Go! Be warned, though, that I’m sending you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don’t even greet anyone along the way. ⁵ Whenever you enter a house, first say, ‘May peace be on this house.’ ⁶ If anyone there shares God’s peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. ⁷ Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don’t move from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘God’s kingdom has come upon you.’ ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a city and the

people don’t welcome you, go out into the streets and say, ¹¹ ‘As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God’s kingdom has come to you.’ ¹² I assure you that Sodom will be better off on Judgment Day than that city.

¹³ “How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin. How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida. If the miracles done among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their hearts and lives long ago. They would have sat around in funeral clothes and ashes. ¹⁴ But Tyre and Sidon will be better off at the judgment than you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be honored by being raised up to heaven? No, you will be cast down to the place of the dead. ¹⁶ Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, “Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name.”

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:** Mary McLeod Bethune

One of the most influential African American leaders of the twentieth century, Mary McLeod Bethune was born in Mayesville, South Carolina in 1875 to freed slaves who had helped organize an African-American Methodist church. Mary attended this church as a child but was enrolled in a new Presbyterian school in 1884 and became a member of the sponsoring congregation at twelve. She won a scholarship to attend Scotia Seminary in North Carolina and in 1894 became the first Black to go to the Moody Bible Institute, thinking she would become a missionary. There she had a "mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit" that marked her deeply. When she applied for Presbyterian missions work she was told there were no openings for Blacks. She went instead to work as a teacher in Augusta, Georgia and then in Sumter, South Carolina, where she met and married Albertus Bethune.

* 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)*

* **COLLECT:** Mary McLeod Bethune

Pillar of Cloud and Pillar of Fire, you always raise among your imprisoned people leaders of burning vision like Mary McLeod Bethune. Part the dead waters of the past and bring all your people to a new land of promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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*

* EASTER SEASON INTERCESSION

O God, Holy One, our altar, our cloud: In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your temple. Accept the sacrifices we offer, and draw us into the fire of your spirit; through Christ our Lord. **Amen. Alleluia.**

* FOR ALL PLACES AND PREDICAMENTS

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly earnestly make request of you for all places and predicaments of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate, that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their needs, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a

happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

* PRAYER FOR the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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.***

* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; 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.***

* **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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

Morning Prayer

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