Monday, June 7, 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.

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 THANKSGIVING

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithful-ness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad <u>by</u> your work; at the works of your hands I <u>sing</u> for joy.

How great are your <u>works</u>, O LORD!

Your thoughts are <u>ver</u>-y deep!

Psalm 92:1-5

* MORNING PRAYER

The Holy One* be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray:

* OSL

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.]

* WORD: Deuteronomy 30:1-10 CEB

Now, once all these things happen to you, the blessing and the curse that I'm setting before you, you must call them to mind as you sit among the various nations where the LORD your God has driven you; ² and you must return to the LORD your God, obeying his voice, in line with all that I'm commanding you right now—you and your children—with all your mind and with all your being. ³ Then the LORD your God will restore you as you were before and will have compassion on you, gathering you up from all the peoples where the LORD your God scattered you. ⁴ Even if he has driven you to the far end of heaven, the LORD your God will gather you up from there; he will take you back from there. ⁵ The LORD your God will bring you home to the land that your ancestors possessed; you will possess it again. And he will do good things for you and multiply you—making you more numerous even than your ancestors!

⁶ Then the LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants so that you love the LORD your God with all your mind and with all your being in order that you may live. ⁷ The LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you and chase you. ⁸ But you will change and obey the LORD's voice and do all his commandments that I'm commanding you right now. ⁹ The LORD your God will help you succeed in everything you do—in your own fertility, your livestock's offspring, and your land's produce—everything will be great! Because the LORD will once again enjoy doing good things for you just as he enjoyed doing them for your ancestors,

¹⁰ and because you will be obeying the LORD your God's voice, keeping his commandments and his regulations that are written in this Instruction scroll, and because you will have returned to the LORD your God with all your heart and all your being.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* Psalm 57 NRSV

God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.

- ¹ Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.
- ² I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.
- ³ He will send from heaven and save me, he will put to shame those who trample on me. *Selah* God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.
- ⁴ I lie down among lions that greedily devour human prey;

their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongues sharp swords.

⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

⁶ They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down.

They dug a pit in my path,
but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah*

⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast.

I will sing and make melody.

8 Awake, my soul!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn.

- ⁹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
- ¹⁰ For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.
- ¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

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

God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* WORD: Luke 18:31-43 CEB

³¹ Jesus took the Twelve aside and said, "Look, we're going up to Jerusalem, and everything written about the Human One^[a] by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² He will be handed over to the Gentiles. He will be ridiculed, mistreated, and spit on. ³³ After torturing him, they will kill him. On the third day, he will rise up." ³⁴ But the Twelve understood none of these words. The meaning of this message was hidden from them and they didn't grasp what he was saying.

³⁵ As Jesus came to Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting beside the road begging. ³⁶ When the man heard the crowd passing by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus the Nazarene is passing by."

³⁸ The blind man shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy." ³⁹ Those leading the procession scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy."

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and called for the man to be brought to him. When he was present Jesus asked, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?"

He said, "Lord, I want to see."

⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight! Your faith has healed you." ⁴³ At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they praised God too.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

We bless you, Adonai, <u>God</u> of *Israel*, for you come to visit us and ransom <u>us</u> from *bondage*. You have brought forth a <u>strong</u> De-*liverer* in the house of <u>your</u> child *David*.

This is what your holy <u>prophets</u> an-nounced: deliverance from enemies and from the hand of <u>all</u> who hate *us*; mercy a-mong our *ancestors*, and remembrance of your <u>ho</u>-ly *covenant*.

This is the promise you swore to our <u>an</u>-cestor, *Abraham*,

to make us <u>un</u>-a-fraid, to rescue us <u>from</u> our *enemies*, to serve before you, holy and just, all the days <u>of</u> 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, <u>God</u> our *God*, the dawn from on <u>high</u> shall *visit us*, to shine on those kept in dungeons and the <u>shadows</u> of *death* and to guide our feet onto the <u>path</u> of *peace*.

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

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* 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.

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* COMMEMORATION: Chief Seattle

Seattle was a Duwamish Indian of the Puget Sound area (now Washington State). A warrior in his youth, he converted to Christianity and became a peace-seeker under

the influence of Catholic missionaries in the 1830s. As more whites moved into the Northwest, conflict between them and the Native Americans increased. In 1855, Washington Governor Isaac Stevens called for a council meeting to persuade the various tribes to move onto reservations. Seattle was the first signer of the Port Elliott Treaty accepting movement to the Port Madison Reservation. While some Anglo historians emphasize Seattle's role as a friend to white people during periods of intense conflict in the Northwest, Seattle's own words reflect an ironic pragmatism about the fate of his people under the oppression of white occupation of Native American lands.

* 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: Chief Seattle

Witnesses in faith, in prayer, and in deed, holy in life, perfected in love, with us on earth, around us in heaven, your faithful witness Chief Seattle points to the Way: Praise be to

God, in living and dying, for saints who are with us, even today. *Amen*.

* For All the Saints

* 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 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.*

* PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from

them, we ask you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who have become family. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kind hearted one to another; 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.

* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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.

* 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

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. *Amen*

Morning Prayer

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