

Wednesday, June 9, 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** - *The Second Song of Isaiah*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.
***Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;***

And let them turn to the Lord,
and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

***For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.***

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

***For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,***

Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

***So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;***

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:6-11

* **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]

* **1st READING: Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14** CEB

³⁰ Then Moses recited in their entirety the words of this poem in the hearing of the entire assembly of Israel:

32 Heaven! Pay attention and I will speak;
Earth! Listen to the words of my mouth.

² My teaching will fall like raindrops;
my speech will settle like dew—
like gentle rains on grass,
like spring showers on all that is green—

³ because I proclaim the LORD's name:
Give praise to our God!

⁴ The rock: his acts are perfection!
No doubt about it: all his ways are right!
He's the faithful God, never deceiving;
altogether righteous and true is he.

⁵ But children who weren't his own
sinned against him with their defects;
they are a twisted and perverse generation.

⁶ Is this how you thank the LORD,
you stupid, senseless people?

Isn't he your father, your creator?

Didn't he make you and establish you?

⁷ Remember the days long past;
consider the years long gone.

Ask your father, he will tell you about it;

ask your elders, they will give you the details:

⁸ When God Most High divided up the nations—
when he divided up humankind—

he decided the people's boundaries
based on the number of the gods.

⁹ Surely the LORD's property was his people;
Jacob was his part of the inheritance.

¹⁰ God found Israel in a wild land—
in a howling desert wasteland—

he protected him, cared for him,
watched over him with his very own eye.

¹¹ Like an eagle protecting its nest,
hovering over its young,

God spread out his wings, took hold of Israel,

carried him on his back.

¹² The LORD alone led Israel;
no foreign god assisted.

¹³ God made Israel glide over the highlands;
he fed him with food from the field,
nursed him with honey from a boulder,
with oil from a hard rock:

¹⁴ curds from the herd, milk from the flock,
along with the best of lambs,
rams from Bashan, he-goats too,
along with the finest wheat—
and for drink, wine from the juiciest grapes!

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* **PSALM 72** NRSV

***Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.***

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,

and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹ May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,

may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,

and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

¹⁵ Long may he live!

May gold of Sheba be given to him.

May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all day long.

¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land;
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;

and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field.

¹⁷ May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him;
may they pronounce him happy.

¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

²⁰ The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,

one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.***

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **GOSPEL: Luke 19:11-27** CEB

¹¹ As they listened to this, Jesus told them another parable because he was near Jerusalem and they thought God's kingdom would appear right away. ¹² He said, "A certain man who was born into royalty went to a distant land to receive his kingdom and then return. ¹³ He called together ten servants and gave each of them money worth four months' wages. He said, 'Do business with this until I return.' ¹⁴ His citizens hated him, so they sent a representative after him who said, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' ¹⁵ After receiving his kingdom, he returned and called the servants to whom he had given the money to find out how much they had earned. ¹⁶ The first servant came forward and said, 'Your money has earned a return of one thousand percent.' ¹⁷ The king

replied, 'Excellent! You are a good servant. Because you have been faithful in a small matter, you will have authority over ten cities.'

¹⁸ "The second servant came and said, 'Master, your money has made a return of five hundred percent.' ¹⁹ To this one, the king said, 'You will have authority over five cities.'

²⁰ "Another servant came and said, 'Master, here is your money. I wrapped it up in a scarf for safekeeping. ²¹ I was afraid of you because you are a stern man. You withdraw what you haven't deposited and you harvest what you haven't planted.' ²² The king replied, 'I will judge you by the words of your own mouth, you worthless servant! You knew, did you, that I'm a stern man, withdrawing what I didn't deposit, and harvesting what I didn't plant? ²³ Why then didn't you put my money in the bank? Then when I arrived, at least I could have gotten it back with interest.'

²⁴ "He said to his attendants, 'Take his money and give it to the one who has ten times as much.' ²⁵ 'But Master,' they said, 'he already has ten times as much!' ²⁶ He replied, 'I say to you that everyone who has will be given more, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ²⁷ As for my enemies who don't

want me as their king, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'"

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.*

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **COMMEMORATION: Columba and Aidan** (597 & 651)

Known as the "Apostle of Caledonia," Columba was an Irish, Celtic missionary of the sixth century to the land known today as Scotland. The son of an Ulster chieftain, Columba was educated in Christianity and the poetry and song of Irish bards. He had a voice so loud and melodious that "those who stood at a distance of more than a mile ... could distinguish every syllable in the verses that he sang." Inducted as a monk by the famous Finnian, Columba founded a monastery and school that became the center

for evangelizing the Picts and teaching the Scots in northern Caledonia. . . . He was a gifted manuscript scribe of the Psalms and gospels and a talented hymn writer. Although legends exaggerate his missionary scope, Columba and the monks of Iona did give birth to numerous churches in the Celtic part of Scotland. Iona continues to this day as an ecumenical school and retreat of the Church of Scotland.

Aidan was the monk of Iona in the seventh century who became the “missionary to the English.” He was summoned to the Northumbrian land of what is now northern England by King Oswald, who gave him the island of Lindisfarne for his outpost. There, he established a school for English youths and launched a missionary campaign throughout the region. He bought freedom for numerous slaves and trained many of them to become clerics in the church. Aidan lived his entire life in poverty and ascetic detachment, and his reputation for gentleness, peace, and humility grew. He advised lay people to take up monastic practices of ongoing prayer, study, and care for the sick and poor.

* 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: Columba and Aidan**

Holy and merciful God, in your love for the world you raised Columba and Aidan to be an evangelists, heralds of the good news: strengthen and guide those entrusted with the proclamation of your Word that as they make known your redeeming love we may heed and receive their glad tidings, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* For All the Saints

* **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.**

* PRAYER FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

* FOR TRAVELERS

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; 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**

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**”

Morning Prayer

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