



WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER
November 18, 2020
Season after Pentecost

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, *(Psalm 51:15)*

People: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: You created the day and the night, O God; *(Psalm 74:16-17)*

People: you set the sun and the moon in their places;

Leader: you set the limits of the earth;

People: you made summer and winter.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

At the baptismal font or bowl of water, the leader prays:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Merciful God, we give you thanks that through the gift of our baptism
you offer the forgiveness of sin and wash us clean from all evil.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
renew our lives and make us worthy to enter into your eternal sanctuary;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

PSALM 146 *(read in unison)*

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to those who hunger.

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PSALM 146 *(continued)*

The LORD sets the captive free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE READING

[James 3:13-4:12](#)

Silence follows for reflection on the meaning of the scripture.

[Luke 17:11-19](#)

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THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Satisfy us with your love in the morning, *(Psalm 90:14)*

People: and we will live this day in joy and praise.

Leader: We praise you, God our creator, for your handiwork
in shaping and sustaining your wondrous creation.

Especially we thank you for
the ministry of all the baptized . . .
those who provide for public safety and well-being . . .
those with whom we work or share common concerns . . .
opportunities to share good news with others . . .
the treasure stored in every human life. . .

*Individual prayers of thanksgiving may be invited, asking:
"People of God, for what else do we give thanks?"*

We dare to pray for others, God our Savior, claiming your love in Jesus Christ for the whole world, committing ourselves to care for others in his name.

Especially we pray for
the church around the world . . .
those who seek to save the earth from destruction . . .
those who work for the benefit of others . . .
those who cannot work today . . .
all who proclaim your saving love. . .
the sick and the dying...

*Individual prayers of intercession may be invited, asking:
"People of God, for what else do we pray?"*

There may be silent prayer.

Leader: As you cause the sun to rise, O God,
bring the light of Christ to dawn in our souls
and dispel the shadows of hatred and fear.
Give us grace to reflect Christ's glory;
and let his love show in our deeds,
his peace shine in our words,
and his healing in our touch,
that all may give him praise, now and forever.

People: 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 for ever. Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Leader: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace *(Romans 15:13)*
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Bless the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

A sign of peace may be exchanged.



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