

MORNING PRAYER
The People Gather
September 15, 2021 - 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 145 *(read in unison)*

***I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.
I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.
All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.***

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PSALM 145 *(continued)*

*You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.
You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.
You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.*

SCRIPTURE READING

[1 Corinthians 1:1-19](#)

Silence follows for reflection on the meaning of the scripture.

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

Silence follows for reflection on the meaning of the scripture.

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.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

A sign of peace may be exchanged.



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