

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER

July 27, 2022

Season after Pentecost



OPENING SENTENCES

One: O Lord, open my lips,

All: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. (Ps. 51:15)

One: The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,

All: and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;

One: for who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

Who is like the Lord among the gods?

**All: A God who is feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and awesome to those all around.**

One: Who is like you, Lord God of hosts?

All: O mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you. (Ps. 89:5-8)

MORNING PRAYER (... now and forever. Amen.)

PSALM 46 (read in unison)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SCRIPTURE READING:

One: . . . The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

[Acts 1:1-14](#)

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[Matthew 27:45-54](#)

One: . . . The Word of the Lord.

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

One: Satisfy us with your love in the morning, Ps. 90:14

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

One: Eternal God,
we rejoice this morning in the gift of life,
which we have received by your grace,
and the new life you give in Jesus Christ.

Especially we thank you for
ministries of compassion, witness, and service . . .
those who make and grow the things we need . . .
the communities in which we live . . .
strength and abilities to serve you today . . .
indications of your love at work in the world . . .

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

God of grace,
we offer our prayers for the needs of others
and commit ourselves to serve them even as you have served us in Jesus Christ.

Especially we pray for
the church in Africa . . .
the conservation of the soil, water, and air . . .
those closest to us in this community . . .
friends and relatives who are far away . . .
all who care for others in body, mind, and spirit . . .

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

There may be silent prayer.

One: Gracious God, when there is nothing we can say,

All: we give you thanks that your Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

One: Loving God, when there is nothing we can do,

All: we give you thanks that you are working for good in this world of struggle and pain.

One: Holy God, when there is nothing else we know,

All: still we give you thanks

One: that nothing in life or in death,

All: nothing in heaven or on earth,

One: nothing in this world or the world to come

All: will ever separate us from your great love; through Jesus Christ. Amen. (BCW, 2018)

One: Now, grateful that we are free to unite in prayer,
we pray in words Jesus taught his friends:

**All: 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;
and 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.**

CLOSING RESPONSES AND PRAYER OF BLESSING

One: Look at your hands. See the touch and the tenderness.

All: God's own for the world.

One: Look at your feet. See the path and the direction.

All: God's own for the world.

One: Look at your heart. See the fire and the love.

All: God's own for the world.

One: Look at the cross. See God's Son and our Savior.

All: God's own for the world.

One: This is God's world

All: And we will serve God in it.

One: May God bless you.

May God keep you ever with great care and lead your lives with love.

**All: May Christ's warm welcome shine in our lives,
and peace in heart and home prevail through every day
till greater life shall call. Amen.**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Signs and words of Christ's peace may be exchanged by all.)



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