

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER

Season after Pentecost

June 24, 2026



OPENING SENTENCES

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

All: before the gods I sing your praise;

One: I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

All: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

One: On the day I called, you answered me,

All: you increased my strength of soul. *(Psalm 138:1-3)*

SILENCE (Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around...)

OPENING PRAYER

One: In the silence of the early morning your Spirit hovers over the brink of the day
and new light pierces the darkness of the night.

In the silence of the morning life begins to stir around us
and we listen for the day's first utterance.

In earth, sea and sky and in the landscape of our own souls
we listen for utterances of your love, O God.

All: Amen.

PSALM 15 (read in unison)

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

***Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;
they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.***

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Numbers 11:24-33

One: ...The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

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Matthew 18:1-9

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

One: Satisfy us with your love in the morning,

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

(The prayers continue...)

One: For the night followed by the day,

for the idle winter ground followed by the energy of spring,

for the enfolding of the earth followed by bursts of unfolding - thanks be to you, O God.

For rest and wakefulness, stillness and creativity, reflection and action - thanks be to you.

Let us know in our souls and bodies the rhythms of creativity that you have established.

Let us know in our families and friendships the disciplines of withdrawal

and the call to engagement.

Let us know for our world the cycles of renewal given by you for healing and health...

the patterns of the season given by you for the birth of new life.

All: Amen.

One: In the busyness of this day grant us a stillness of seeing, O God.

In the conflicting voices of our hearts grant us a calmness of hearing.

Let our seeing and hearing, our words and our actions,

be rooted in a silent certainty of your presence.

Let our passions for life and the longings for justice that stir within us

be grounded in the experience of your stillness.

Let our lives be rooted in the ground of your peace, O God,

let us be rooted in the depths of your peace.

All: Amen.

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.

DISMISSAL

One: Go forth in the name of the Lord.

This is God's charge:

to trust in Jesus Christ and to love one another as he commanded.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: May the God of glory, the Lord of life, and the Spirit of truth be with us this day and always.

All: 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.)