

MORNING PRAYER
July 29, 2026
Season after Pentecost



OPENING SENTENCES

One: The sky shows us God's glory;
it shows us what God has made.

**All: The sun comes out in the morning
like a bride and bridegroom full of joy.**

One: The sun comes out in the morning
like an athlete eager to run a race.

**All: The sun starts at one end of the sky
and moves across to the other.**

One: The sun is full of light; nothing can hide from its heat.

**All: Without words, the sky speaks of God's glory;
it shows us what God has made.**

*(Psalm 19:1-6)**

CALL TO PRAYER

One: Move among us, God; give us life;

All: let your people rejoice in you.

One: Give us again the joy of your help;

All: with your spirit of freedom sustain us.

One: God, make our hearts clean,

All: restore us in body, mind and spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings
and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

(a time of silence)

One: Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

One: Amen.

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All: Amen.

RESPONSE OF FAITH

One: With the whole church

**All: we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

One: With people everywhere

**All: we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

One: With all creation

**All: we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God for ever at work in ourselves and the world.**

PSALM 62 *(read in unison)*

*For God alone I wait in silence;
from God comes my salvation.*

*God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.*

*How long will all of you assail me to crush me
as if I were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?*

*They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor;
they take pleasure in lies.*

They bless with their lips, but in their hearts they curse.

*For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.*

*God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.*

*In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.*

*Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.*

*Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate cannot be trusted.*

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

*Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.*

*God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.*

*Steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD,
for you repay all according to their deeds.*

SCRIPTURE READING:

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All: Thanks be to God.

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

[Romans 14:13-23](#)

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[Matthew 26:57-68](#)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

One: Generous God, this day and all its possibilities are your gifts to us.

All: Make us ready to receive your grace this morning and every morning.

One: Into the wonder of this new day we come, as we are, to God,

All: bringing with us our hopes, our fears, our stories.

One: In this moment, we believe...

All: God is listening, God is loving, God wants to know what is in our hearts.

One: So, God, we bring to you our gratitude for love and beauty and kindness...

(prayers are offered...)

One: and we bring our concern for your people and your world...

(prayers are offered...)

One: Ever-present God, set your blessing on us as this day begins.

Confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live;

Confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn.

**All: We ask not for what we want but for what you know we need,
as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you. Amen.**

One: So now, as Jesus taught us, we pray:

**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 in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

CLOSING RESPONSES

One: This is the day that God has made;

All: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

One: We will not offer to God

All: offerings that cost us nothing.

One: Go in peace to love and serve;

All: we will seek peace and pursue it.

One: in the name of the Trinity of love,

All: God in community, holy and one.

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

All: And also with you.



(Expressions of Christ's peace are shared . . .)

*"The translation (of the Psalm used in the OPENING RESPONSES) is not literal, but has resulted from a careful comparison of recent English language translations married to the desire to articulate the texts in language which would be accessible to people who may not be familiar with these icons of Jewish and Christian devotion." (*Iona Abbey Worship Book*, 2017)

The psalm text comes from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox, 2018), in an inclusive/expansive language version first published in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Augsburg Fortress, 2006) and shared with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners.