

MORNING PRAYER
Season after Pentecost
October 21, 2026



OPENING SENTENCES

One: The world belongs to God,
All: the earth and all its people.
One: How good it is, how wonderful
All: to live together in unity.
One: Love and faith come together;
All: justice and peace join hands.
One: If Christ's disciples keep silent,
All: the stones around us would shout aloud.
One: Open our lips, O God,
All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

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

OPENING PRAYER

(...now and forever. **Amen.**)

PSALM 148 (*read in unison*)

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

who made them stand fast forever and ever

giving them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted,

whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE READING:

Revelation 8:1-13

One: . . . The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

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Luke 10:17-24

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PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

One: Let us pray...

We gather in your presence, God,

All: in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

All: and you know by experience what human life is like.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

One: We come as we are, because you have invited us;

All: and you have promised never to turn us away.

One: Loving God, you gather us together here, seeking your healing, strength, and love.

You know us, God:

you understand who we are, you know what troubles and puzzles us,
what makes us smile and what makes us sad.

You listen to our questions and our prayers.

You know the people we love, God,
and the people we struggle with.

Sometimes we hurt others;
sometimes we hurt ourselves.

So, we bring our own hurt asking for your healing;
and we bring the hurt we have caused others asking for forgiveness.

(pause)

Listen to these words of Jesus, words that we can trust:

“Don’t be afraid.”

“I love you.”

“Your sins are forgiven.”

“I will be with you always.”

(pause)

Write these words in our hearts, loving God, let them take root in our living.

All: Amen.

(...other prayers are offered...)

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.
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.**

CLOSING RESPONSES AND PRAYER OF BLESSING

One: God to enfold us.

All: God to surround us.

One: God in our sleeping,

All: God in our waking.

One: God in our watching,

All: God in our hoping.

One: God on our lips,

All: God in our lives. Amen.

One: Now, may God the Creator who made heaven and earth--

All: bless us with creativity and wonder.

One: May Jesus who walked through fields and cities--

All: bless us with kind hands and listening ears.

One: May the Holy Spirit who is around us and within us—

All: bless us with courage to be caring and just.

One: May we work and walk in the strong love of the Trinity all our nights and days.

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)

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