

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER

Season after Pentecost

October 7, 2026



OPENING SENTENCES

One: O Lord, open my lips,

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

One: O depth of wealth, wisdom, and knowledge of God!

All: How unsearchable are God's judgements, how untraceable are God's ways!

One: The source, guide, and goal of all that is,

All: the God of glory forever! (Romans 11:33, 36)

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

OPENING PRAYER

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

PSALM 42 (*read in unison*)

*As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.*

*I thirst for God, for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*

*My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"*

*I pour out my soul when I think on these things;
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
with shouts of thanksgiving, among those keeping festival.*

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.

*My soul is heavy within me;
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.*

*One deep calls to another in the roar of your cascades;
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.*

*The LORD grants lovingkindness in the daytime;
in the night season the LORD's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.*

*I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you rejected me,
and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?"*

*While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;
all day long they mock me and say to me,
"Where now is your God?"*

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SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 23:23-35

Leader: ...The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Luke 7:18-35

Leader: ...The Word of the Lord.

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(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

One: Satisfy us with your love in the morning,

All: and we will live this day in joy and praise. *(Psalm 90:14)*

(Those gathered are invited to lift up prayers, either silently or aloud.)

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

One: . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

CLOSING RESPONSES AND PRAYER OF BLESSING

One: So far as it depends on us,

All: let us live peaceably with all.

One: Bless the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.

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

All: And also with you.

(Signs and words of Christ's peace are shared. . .)

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