

MORNING PRAYER

889th GATHERING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 51:15*

TE Ray Meute

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

MORNING PSALM *Psalm 95:1-7 from the Psalter, BCW 2018*

Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

TE Sue Lowcock Harris

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all glory, we give you thanks
that through the gift of our baptism
we have been crucified with Christ
and united with him in resurrection.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, let
our lives proclaim the good news
that we are dead to sin and alive to you;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE WORD Amos 5:18-24 TE Mary Speers, TE Karen Brown, TE Ray Meute

Please have ready any or all of the following:

Paper: printer paper, construction paper, old magazines you might tear up for collage or use for images

Tape (Scotch, masking, etc), or gluesticks

Crayons/markers, found objects, Google Images on a phone or tablet

Or, if you are more of a 3D person, you can crumple paper or use some of the kids' Play-Doh, etc.

Or simply any object that might come spontaneously to your attention as you listen to the reading.

The Word will be read three times, by three different readers.

*Listen for a word or an image that strikes you **in the moment, as the Word is read**—one that catches your attention, that “shimmers” in your mind’s eye.*

After the first reading, there will be a period of several minutes, during which time, in response to what your heart hears, you are welcome to draw, write a word or phrase, squish the Play-Doh or crumple paper into a shape, make a collage, look for a printed image. There will be music playing in the background.

After the second reading, you will be asked to share what you have made or found, by holding it up to your webcam or device camera. If you’re phoning in, there will be time for you to share the word or describe the image in the reading that strikes you.

The lesson will be read again, concluding with...

May the Lord bless to our understanding this lesson from the Word.

THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

TE Karen Brown

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,

and we will live this day in joy and praise.

The prayer continues, with presbyters invited to add their thanks and intercessions at the appropriate moments. It concludes with...

THE LORD’S PRAYER *at home, please say the version you like, in the language of your heart*

CLOSING SENTENCES 1 Tim. 6:21

RE Audrey Trapp

The grace of God be with us all,
now and always.

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord’s name be praised.