

## Morning Prayer (Lauds)

15 October, 7:15 a.m.

*The community gathers in silence*

### CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

O Lord, open my lips,

**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

### MORNING HYMN

*The Church of God a Kingdom Is*

[Tune: MORNING SONG, UMH 198]

The Church of God a Kingdom is,  
where Christ in power doth reign;  
where spirits yearn till, seen in bliss.  
their Lord shall come again.

Glad companies of saints possess  
this Church below, above;  
and God’s perpetual calm doth bless  
their paradise of love.

An altar stands within the shrine  
whereon, once sacrificed,  
is set, immaculate, divine,  
The Lamb of God, the Christ

There rich and poor, from countless lands,  
praise Christ on mystic Rood.  
There nations reach forth holy hands  
to take God’s holy food.

There pure life-giving streams o’erflow  
the sower’s garden-ground  
and faith and hope fair blossoms show,  
and fruits of love abound.

O King, O Christ, this endless grace  
to all your people bring.  
To see the vision of thy face  
in joy, O Christ, our King.

[L. B. C. L. MUIRHEAD]

## MORNING PRAYER

True Vine;

As we remember the body of Christ broken for us, we are grieved at the divisiveness within our faith communities. By your bread, may the seeds of reconciliation be firmly Rooted in our hearts this day. May the cup of redemption nourish them and help us create a oneness of spirit amid a diversity of visions. Restore us this morning that we may be nourished with these sacraments. Empower your church to be a redemptive presence in this world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PSALTER

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Send forth your Spir - it, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

## THE GLORIA

Glory to the blessed and holy Trinity:

**One God now and forever, Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Job 36: 1-16

*silence*

Romans 15: 7-13

*silence*

## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

*Benedictus*

[Tune: KINGSFOLD, 606 UMH]

Blest be the God of Israel, the everliving Lord.

You come in power to save your own, your people Israel.

For Israel you now raise up salvation's tower on high.

In David's house, who reigned as king and servant of the Lord.

Through holy prophets did you speak your word in days of old.

That you would save us from our foes and all who bear us ill.

On Sinai you gave to us your covenant of love;

So with us now you keep your word in love that knows no end.

Of old you gave your solemn oath to father Abraham

Whose seed a mighty race should be and blest forever more.

You vowed to set your people free from fear of every foe,

that we might serve you all our days in goodness, love and peace.

O tiny child, your name shall be the prophet of the Lord;  
The way of God you will prepare to make God's coming known.  
You shall proclaim to Israel salvation's dawning day,  
when God shall wipe away all sins with mercy and with love.

The rising sun shall shine on us to bring the light of day  
To all who sit in darkest night and shadow of the grave.  
Our footsteps God shall safely guide to walk the ways of peace,  
whose name forevermore be blest, who lives and loves and saves.

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## THE PRAYERS

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Planting God:

how beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,  
and how abundant on the plains are the sheaves of summer.

Around your table we are converted with the bread and wine  
and bound together as your body for the life of the world.

Grant us a grower's wisdom:

deliver us from impatience that will not wait for fruit to ripen;

save us from forcing others to see what we see and embrace what we embrace;

liberate us from anger rooted in self-justification;

fix our gaze upon you so we are not overwhelmed by the want and failure of others;

sow yourself in our words and deeds that become food for hungry souls.

Like attentive and trusting servants, we want to heed your every call,

through Christ and by the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**

[DTB]

- *silent prayer* -

### INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE

Hear our prayer and let our cry come to you

for *Brother Daniel*, our Abbot;

for the Officers of the General Chapter,

*Sr. Sue, Br. Brent, and Br. George*

for all who serve the Order of Saint Luke

for a sense of connectedness with others in the Order;

for grace to live for you and with each other

in keeping our Rule of Life and Service.

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

COLLECT FOR THE ORDER OF SAINT LUKE

**O Shepherd of us all, who inspired your servant Saint Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Jesus: Grant, we ask you, your Spirit to the Order of Saint Luke, that we may proclaim faithfully the Apostolic hope, magnify the Sacraments, and bring your healing grace to the whole Church; Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Father in heaven hal - low - ed be your Name.



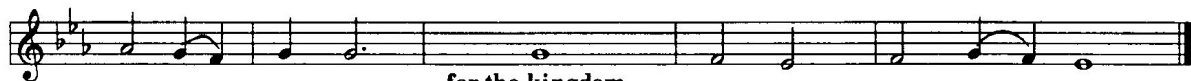
Your kingdom come, earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our your will be done on



dai - ly bread; Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who



sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er



us from e - vil, for the kingdom, and the power and the glory are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

HYMN

*O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread*

613 UMH

COSING VOLUNTARY

GOING FORTH

Grow in the gRace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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