

Morning Prayer
The Season of Pentecost

Opening Acclamation

I arise today in the name of Love;

I begin my day in thanksgiving.

The night is past and gone;

The sun awakens the day.

The birds are singing praise

And I join my voice to theirs -

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise

Listen to the salutation to the dawn:

Look to this day, for it is life, the very life of life.

In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of our existence.

The bliss of growth, the splendor of beauty -

For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision;

But today well spent

Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness

And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day.

Such is the salutation to the dawn. *From the Bhagavad Gita*

Collect of the Day

Empower me, Holy One,

To be a bold participant,

Rather than a timid saint in waiting,

In the difficult ordinariness of now;

To exercise the authority of honesty,

Rather than to defer to power, or deceive to get it;

To influence someone for justice,

Rather than impress anyone for gain;

And, by grace, to find treasures

Of joy, of friendship, of peace,

Hidden in the fields of the daily

You give me to plow. *Ted Loder*

Reading

Meditation

Thanksgivings

For another day of breath and life,

We thank you, Holy One.

For those we love, near and far,

We thank you, Holy One.

For our abilities and tasks,

We thank you, Holy One.

For the food we eat,

We thank you, Holy One.

For all that we are learning,

We thank you, Holy One.

For the wonder of Creation,

We thank you, Holy One.

Intercessions

For our own basic needs,

We pray in hope.

For the lost and the lonely,

We pray in hope.

For the sick and helpless,

We pray in hope.

For those who have died,

We pray in hope.

For a vision of what can be,

We pray in hope.

For healing and help for the broken world,

We pray in hope.

For companions on the road who help us to see with new eyes,

We pray in hope.

For the strength to serve as agents of your love,

We pray in hope.

Holy One, for everyone we carry in our prayers

For every injustice we observe

For every hopeful word or action

For the sacred Earth

For those who are hungry

For those without work

For those in-between

For a tomorrow that holds healing and grace

We pray today.

Lead us to be the answer to one another's prayer. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

In the next century or the one beyond that

They say, are valleys, pastures.

We can meet there in peace if we make it.

To climb these coming crests

One word to you, to

You and your children:

Stay together, learn the flowers, go light

- Gary Snyder