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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (by dwh)
Gracious God, in wisdom you created all things, and
your Son promised that your Spirit would guide us still.
Through these words of scripture today,
show us what is true; guide us for living,
that we may bring honor and praise to you. Amen

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 13:1-16
Luke 14:1-14

CONFESSION Heb. 13:2; Luke 14:11; Sir. 10:12-13 FotW
Lord, all that we have is a gift from you,
yet we do not live lives of gratitude.
We ignore strangers
and turn away from those in need.
We seek honor for ourselves
and allow pride to take root in us.
Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you,
that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.
{silent prayers}

ASSURANCE Jer. 2:5; Ps. 81:16 FotW (alt)
God rejoices when we repent and return,
offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock
to sustain us in new life.
Rejoice!

In Jesus Christ, we have been reconciled
to God and to one another.
Thanks be to God! Amen

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In Christ we are invited and inspired to lives of grateful generosity.
Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

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Gracious God, we offer to you these gifts,
both as signs of our gratitude and
as instruments of your reign.
Use these gifts, and us, that your way of love and peace,
transformation and hope might flourish in this place.
Amen.

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We go out from this place to serve God and our neighbor
in all that we do.
May the blessings and peace of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
keep you this day and always.

Amen
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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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Scriptures

Jeremiah 2:4–13 and Psalm 81:1, 10–16

or Sirach 10:12–18 (or Proverbs 25:6–7) and Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 and Luke 14:1, 7–14

Questions for Reflection:

Where do you experience mutual love in your life?

Is there someone you disdain?

How might you show love for that person
in thought, word, or deed?

How does your experience of the culture prevent you from fully
embracing the call to serve with humility?

How can you seek out the stranger in your community?

When have you realized that you were doing God's work,
only after the fact?

Morning Prayers:

Holy God, if the beginning of sin is pride,
then let me walk in your ways and to your glory this day,
rather than to my own. Amen.

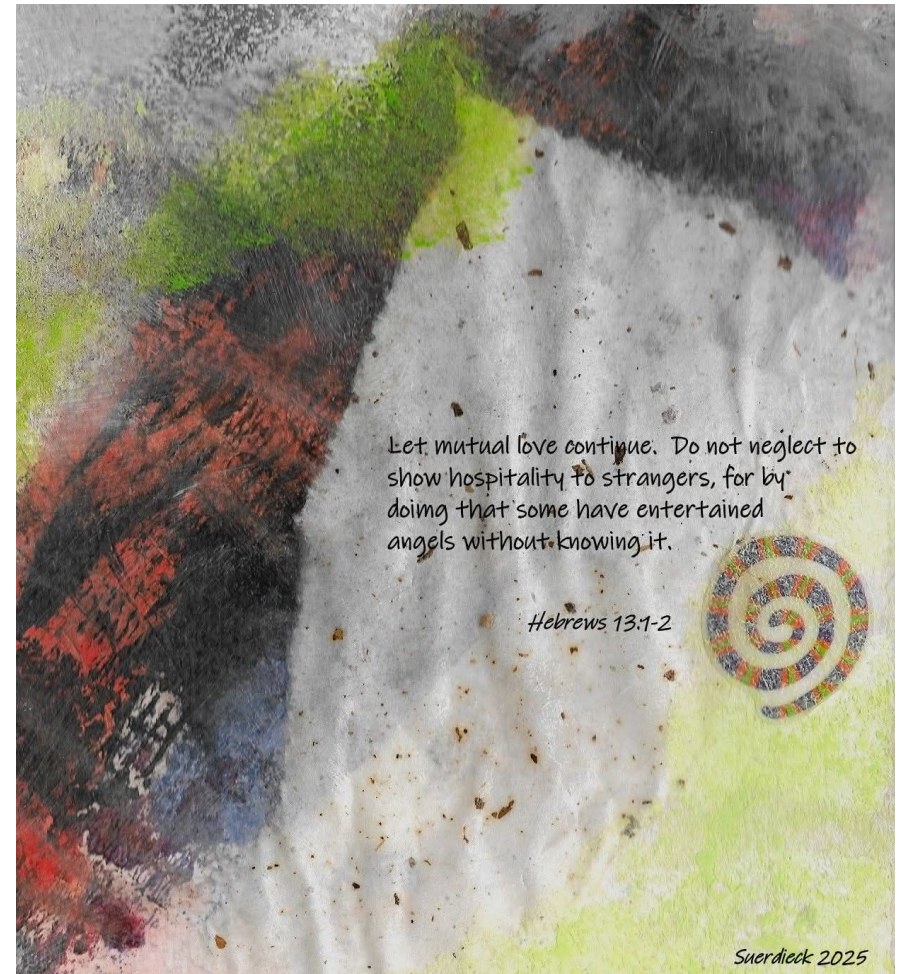
God, in the freshness of the new day,
help us to retain clarity of vision
so that we might seek the honor of your kingdom
rather than the honor of the world.

Sustain us throughout the day so that we might return
filled by the grace of your spirit. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Lord, you are my helper;
therefore I will not be afraid,
for you are ever with me. Amen.

God of compassion,
help us to release the regrets of the day into your care.
Refresh us in our sleep, that we may rise in the morning
confident in your love and strengthened in our faith. Amen.



Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to
show hospitality to strangers, for by
doing that some have entertained
angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

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