

Monday, July 20, 2020

+ **OPENING CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

O God, open our lips,

***and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.***

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

***we praise your name, O God.***

[ADAPTED FROM PSALM 51:15 AND 113:3]

+ **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

(Water may be touched, poured or sprinkled.)

By Word and water God renews us this day

in the living fountain of God's grace,

and raises us with Christ Jesus to live a new life in the Spirit.

***Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,***

***that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.*** [PSALM 90:14]

+ **MORNING HYMN OR CANTICLE**

Come, let us sing to the Ho-ly One; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-va-tion.

Let us come before God's presence with thanks-giving,\*

and raise a loud shout with *psalms*.

For you, O God, are a great *God*,\*

you are great a-bove all *gods*.

In your hand are the caverns of the *earth*,\*  
and 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 bow down and bend the *knee*,\*

and kneel before God, our *Maker*.

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture

and the sheep of your *hand*.\*

Oh, that today we would hearken to your *voice*!

[PSALM 95:1-7 (OSH PSALTER)]

+ **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;

***And also with you.***

Let us pray:

New every morning is your love, great God of light,

and all day long you are working for good in the world.

Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our

neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our

Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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## + Psalm 75

Antiphon:

***But I will rejoice forever;***

***I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.***

<sup>1</sup> We give thanks to you, O God;

we give thanks; your name is near.

People tell of your wondrous deeds.

<sup>2</sup> At the set time that I appoint

I will judge with equity.

<sup>3</sup> When the earth totters, with all its inhabitants,

it is I who keep its pillars steady. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> I say to the boastful, "Do not boast,"

and to the wicked, "Do not lift up your horn;

<sup>5</sup> do not lift up your horn on high,

or speak with insolent neck."

<sup>6</sup> For not from the east or from the west

and not from the wilderness comes lifting up;

<sup>7</sup> but it is God who executes judgment,

putting down one and lifting up another.

<sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup

with foaming wine, well mixed;

he will pour a draught from it,

and all the wicked of the earth

shall drain it down to the dregs.

<sup>9</sup> But I will rejoice<sup>[a]</sup> forever;

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,

but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,

one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

Antiphon:

***But I will rejoice forever;***

***I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.***

Silence

+ WORD: Ephesians 4:22-5:2 NRSV

<sup>12</sup> Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

<sup>14</sup> Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand!

<sup>15</sup> Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, "Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." <sup>16</sup> So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

<sup>17</sup> Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup> Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe."

<sup>19</sup> So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and gathered the vintage of the earth, and he threw it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup> And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the wine press, as high as a horse's bridle, for a distance of about two hundred miles. [\[b\]](#)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

Here what the Spirit is saying:

A sharing of what the Spirit is saying with us individually

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

We bless you, Adonai, God of *Israel*,  
for you come to visit us and ransom us from *bondage*.  
You have brought forth a strong *De-liverer*  
in the house of your child *David*.

**This is what your holy prophets an-nounced:  
deliverance from enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;  
mercy a-mong our *ancestors*,  
and remembrance of your ho-ly *covenant*.**

This is the promise you swore to our an-cestor, *Abraham*,  
to make us un-a-fraid,  
to rescue us from our *enemies*,  
to serve before you, holy and just,  
all the days of our *lives*.

**And this, my little child, shall be called prophet of the Most  
*High*,  
going before you, Adonai, to pre-pare your *paths*,  
making your people know *de-liverance*  
by the forgiveness of their *sins*.**

[Unison]

Through your merciful compassions, God our *God*,  
the dawn from on high shall *visit us*,

to shine on those kept in dungeons and the shadows of *death*  
and to guide our feet onto the path of *peace*.

[LUKE 1:68-79; TBE, ALT., OSL]

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

+ **A READING FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION:**

“Humility is nothing but the disappearance of self  
in the vision that God is all.”

— Andrew Murray, [Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness](#)

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,  
***and also with you.***

Let us pray:

+ **SILENT PRAYER**

Requests known to you

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR JOY IN GOD'S CREATION

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior.

**Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we

may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth.  
In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness,  
and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail;  
all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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.  
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.*

+ **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,  
You have brought us in safety to this new day:  
preserve us with your mighty power,  
that we may not fall into sin,  
nor be overcome by adversity;  
and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER]

+ BLESSING

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in  
believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may  
abound in hope. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13