

Saturday, November 14, 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.**

+ **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

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.

\* OSL

**Satisfy us in the morning  
with your steadfast love, O God,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

+ **MORNING CANTICLE OF WISDOM**

Wisdom has built her house, setting up seven pillars.  
She has prepared the food and wine and set her table.

**She has sent out her servants  
to call out from the Heights above the city:**

"Let those who want enlightenment come.

Come, taste my bread and drink my spiced wine.

**Give up your foolishness and live,  
And walk the path of understanding."**

If you are wise, your reward is wisdom;  
If you teach the just, they grow in understanding.

**Wisdom begins with reverence for God,  
and knowledge of the holy one is insight.**

\* OSL

+ **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are  
restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such  
piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish  
passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and  
no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see  
life clearly and, in your service, find perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Augustine

+ **Psalm 90:1-8,12** NRSV

***For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.***

Lord, you have been our dwel-ing *place*  
in all gen-er-ations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the *world*,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are *God*.

<sup>3</sup> You turn us back to *dust*,  
and say, "Turn back, you *mortals*."

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is *past*,  
or like a watch in the *night*.

<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away; they are like a *dream*,  
like grass that is renewed in the *morning*;

<sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is re-*newed*;  
in the evening it fades and *withers*.

<sup>7</sup> For we are consumed by your *anger*;  
by your wrath we are o-ver-*whelmed*.

<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities be-fore *you*,  
our secret sins in the light of your *countenance*.

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to count our *days*  
that we may gain a wise *heart*.

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

***For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Matthew 12:43-45 CEV

<sup>43</sup> When an evil spirit leaves a person, it travels through  
the desert, looking for a place to rest. But when the  
demon doesn't find a place, <sup>44</sup> it says, "I will go back to  
the home I left." When it gets there and finds the place  
empty, clean, and fixed up, <sup>45</sup> it goes off and finds seven  
other evil spirits even worse than itself. They all come

and make their home there, and the person ends up in worse shape than before. That's how it will be with you evil people of today.

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
***Thanks be to God!***

+ 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*.**

**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]

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

+ **COMMEMORATION: PHINEAS F. BRESEE**

Phineas F. Bresee felt the call to ministry before the age of 20 and was ordained a deacon in 1859 in the Methodist Church and an elder in 1861.

In Chariton, Iowa, 1867, Bresee had a sanctifying altar experience that impacted his life forever as he moved from serving rural churches in Iowa to Los Angeles and Pasadena, CA. In time, Bresee became president of Pacific Bible College, all the while being very active in the National Holiness Association.

In 1894, he withdrew from the Methodist Church to do mission work and in 1895 the Church of the Nazarene was organized as a “Christian work, especially evangelistic and city mission work, and the spreading of the doctrine and experience of Christian holiness.”

He served as the denomination’s senior general superintendent until his death in November 1915, leaving what would become the largest denomination in the Wesleyan-Holiness wing of Methodism.

\* For All the Saints

Silent reflection

+ **COLLECT: PHINEAS F. BRESEE**

**Gracious God, our Shepherd, we thank you for raising up Phineas F. Bresee as pastor in your**

**church. Remembering his faithfulness and care, fill all shepherds of your church with truth in doctrine, fidelity in Word and Sacrament, and boldness and vision in leading the people, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ **PRAYERS**

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

Let us pray:

+ **PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS**

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those we lift today, that *their* weaknesses may be banished and *their* strength restored; and that with health being renewed, *all* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

*O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

+ PRAYER FOR THE CHOICE OF

FIT PERSONS FOR THE MINISTRY

O God, who lead your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

+ PRAYER FOR THOSE WE LOVE

*Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

+ A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
That I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
That I always may be holy. Amen.

+ **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.**

+ **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.** NUMBERS 6:24–26

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## Morning Prayer

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