

Saturday, November 28, 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 80:1-7, 17-19** NRSV

**Restore us, O God;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a *flock*!

You who are enthroned upon the cheru-bim, shine *forth*

<sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might,

and come to save *us*!

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of *hosts*,

how long will you be angry with your peo-ple's *prayers*?

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of *tears*,

and given them tears to drink in full *measure*.

<sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn of our *neighbors*;

our enemies laugh a-mong themselves.

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of *hosts*;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>17</sup> But let your hand be upon the one at your right *hand*,  
the one whom you made strong for your-*self*.

<sup>18</sup> Then we will never turn back from *you*;  
give us life, and we will call on your *name*.

<sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of *hosts*;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

**Restore us, O God;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Silence

+ **WORD:** Matthew 12:46-50 CEV

<sup>46</sup> While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and brothers came and stood outside because they wanted to talk with him. <sup>47</sup> Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside and want to talk with you."

<sup>48</sup> Jesus answered, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup> Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "These are my mother and my brothers!" <sup>50</sup> Anyone who obeys my Father in heaven is my brother or sister or mother."

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: JAMES MILLS THOBURN**

James Thoburn was born in 1836 in Ohio to Irish-immigrant parents. His family environment helped lead him to leave his pastoral work in the Pittsburgh conference and follow the call to become a Methodist missionary. He

arrived in northern India in 1859 shortly after it had become a subject nation of the British Empire. Thoburn would serve the people of India whom he loved for 50 years. He started his work establishing schools for boys and girls and learning the local language. He traveled to Calcutta, Rangoon, and Singapore. In 1888 he was elected missionary Bishop of India and Malaysia. As such, he supported and encouraged the development of a self-governing Central Conference for Indian Methodists.

He also wrote a letter to his sister Isabella, noting that only women missionaries could reach the secluded women of India and he asked her to come and help. That letter spurred the founding of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and a profound ministry among India's oppressed women.

He used techniques of mass evangelism by employing native lay preachers and doing house to house visitation.

His simple method reached members of all castes especially those in the lowest considered untouchable. Although when Thoburn arrived in India he found only a small number of Methodists, upon his retirement in 1908 there were over 200,000.

\* For All the Saints

Silent reflection

+ **COLLECT: JAMES MILLS THOBURN**

***Holy and merciful God, in your love for all the world you raised James Thoburn to be an evangelist, a herald of the good news: strengthen and guide those entrusted with the proclamation of your Word that as they make known your redeeming love we may heed and receive their glad tidings, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

\* For All the Saints

+ **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

***Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

+ PRAYER FOR CLERGY and PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace: and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+ PRAYERS FOR THE POOR AND THE NEGLECTED

***Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

+ GOLDEN LEAVES

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,  
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.  
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,  
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.  
Creator God, who brings forth  
both green shoot and hoar frost,  
sunrise and sunset,  
we bring our thanks  
for seeds that have grown,  
harvests gathered,  
storehouses filled,  
mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests  
through winter's cold embrace,  
we look forward to its re-awakening  
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

[- Author Unknown](#)

+ 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.**

+ **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

# Morning Prayer

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