

Monday, February 22, 2021

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

\* OSL

+ **CANTICLE OF THE RESURRECTION**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
not with the old leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Christ being raised from the dead**  
**will never die again;**  
**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death he died, he died to sin, once for all,  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

So consider yourselves dead to sin  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. \* OSL

+ **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;  
***And also with you.***

Let us pray:

Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy  
thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which no  
tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no unworthy  
purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our  
God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally  
embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

(SAINT THOMAS, ITALY, 13TH CENT.)

+ **Psalm 77** NRSV

***I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;***  
***I will remember your wonders of old.***

- <sup>1</sup> I cry a-loud to God,  
aloud to God, that he may hear me.
- <sup>2</sup> In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;  
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;  
my soul refuses to be com-for-ted.
- <sup>3</sup> I think of God, and I *moan*;  
I meditate, and my spir-it faints. *Selah*
- <sup>4</sup> You keep my eyelids from *closing*;  
I am so troubled that I can-not speak.
- <sup>5</sup> I consider the days of old,  
and remember the years of long a-go.
- <sup>6</sup> I commune with my heart in the *night*;  
I meditate and search my *spirit*.
- <sup>7</sup> “Will the Lord spurn for-ever,  
and never again be fa-vor-a-ble?
- <sup>8</sup> Has his steadfast love ceased for-ever?  
Are his promises at an end for all *time*?
- <sup>9</sup> Has God forgotten to be *gracious*?  
Has he in anger shut up his com-*passion*?” *Selah*
- <sup>10</sup> And I say, “It is my *grief*  
that the right hand of the Most High has *changed*.”
- <sup>11</sup> I will call to mind the deeds of the *LORD*;  
I will remember your wonders of *old*.
- <sup>12</sup> I will meditate on all your *work*,

- and muse on your might-y *deeds*.
- <sup>13</sup> Your way, O God, is *holy*.  
What god is so great as our *God*?
- <sup>14</sup> You are the God who works *wonders*;  
you have displayed your might a-mong the *peoples*.
- <sup>15</sup> With your strong arm you re-deemed your *people*,  
the descendants of Jacob and *Joseph*. *Selah*
- <sup>16</sup> When the waters saw you, O *God*,  
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;  
the very deep *trembled*.
- <sup>17</sup> The clouds poured out *water*;  
the skies thundered;  
your arrows flashed on ever-y *side*.
- <sup>18</sup> The crash of your thunder was in the *whirlwind*;  
your lightnings lit up the world;  
the earth trembled and *shook*.
- <sup>19</sup> Your way was through the sea,  
your path, through the might-y *waters*;  
yet your footprints were un-*seen*.
- <sup>20</sup> You led your people like a *flock*  
by the hand of Moses and *Aaron*.
- Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;***

***I will remember your wonders of old.***

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **WORD:** Ephesians 2:1-10 CEV

In the past you were dead because you sinned and fought against God. <sup>2</sup> You followed the ways of this world and obeyed the devil. He rules the world, and his spirit has power over everyone who doesn't obey God. <sup>3</sup> Once we were also ruled by the selfish desires of our bodies and minds. We had made God angry, and we were going to be punished like everyone else.

<sup>4-5</sup> But God was merciful! We were dead because of our sins, but God loved us so much that he made us alive with Christ, and God's wonderful kindness is what saves you. <sup>6</sup> God raised us from death to life with Christ Jesus, and he has given us a place beside Christ in heaven. <sup>7</sup> God did this so that in the future world he could show how truly good and kind he is to us because of what Christ Jesus has done.

<sup>8</sup> You were saved by faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God's gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own. <sup>9</sup> It isn't something you have

earned, so there is nothing you can brag about. <sup>10</sup> God planned for us to do good things and to live as he has always wanted us to live. That's why he sent Christ to make us what we are.

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*,

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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*.

**+ THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

***I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,***

***born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father Almighty.  
From there he shall come again to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**+ COMMEMORATION: KANICHI MIYAMA**

Kanichi Miyama was the first legal Japanese immigrant to the United States to be baptized a Christian. He was also the first Japanese ordained in the U.S.

Miyama was born into a samurai family in Hagi, Yamaguchi Ken, Japan on October 25 1847. As a student he came under the influence of the famous teacher, Yoshida Shoin

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who favored opening Japan to Western knowledge and influence. Unable to pass an Army physical examination, Miyama traveled to America. Landing in San Francisco with no knowledge of English he enrolled in a class taught by Dr. Otis Gibson, the superintendent of the Chinese Methodist Mission in Chinatown, San Francisco. This relationship eventually led to his baptism by Gibson on this date in 1877. Miyama organized a Gospel Society for Japanese immigrants in October, 1877, from which grew the first Japanese Methodist church in America (now known as Pine United Methodist Church). Miyama was appointed to the congregation in 1884 as an assistant to Gibson.

Ordained deacon in 1886, the next year Miyama became an elder and full member of the then California Conference and was appointed to do Mission work to the Japanese in Hawaii. With support from the meager earnings of the members of the Japanese church in San Francisco, he sailed to Honolulu and began his evangelistic work among the Japanese laborers. He came back to San Francisco once, but returned to Hawaii in 1888 and founded the first Methodist Church in Hawaii with 38 members (now the Harris Memorial Methodist Church of Honolulu). In the conference year of 1888-89, Miyama baptized 155 persons, among them Ando Taro, the Japanese consul general.

Miyama returned to Japan in 1890 and founded the Ginza Church in Tokyo. He went on to found churches in the cities of Nagoya and Kamakura. He was also a great crusader for the temperance movement.

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+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **COLLECT: KANICHI MIYAMA**

Strong Word of God, by whom the world was created, in whom the world is redeemed, Always send forth heralds like Kanichi Miyama, to bear the good news, that your saving way may be made known in every place and time, in every land and to every people, for your sake and for the sake of the world. Amen.

\* For All the Saints

+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,

***and also with you.***

Let us pray: *(stop and pray for those on your heart today)*

+ FOR A SICK PERSON

*O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask you to recognize, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to live the remainder of their lives in your awe, and to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

+ PRAYER FOR AGRICULTURE

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE

*O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our*

*reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

+ PRAYER OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

+ PRAYER FOR MONDAY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

*Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully increase in us your gifts of holy discipline, in almsgiving, prayer, and fasting; that our lives may be directed to the fulfilling of your most gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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**

God be in our head, and in our understanding.  
God be in our eyes, and in our looking.  
God be in our mouth, and in our speaking.  
God be in our heart, and in our thinking.  
God be at our end, and at our departing.

(SARUM LITURGY, ENGLAND, 13TH CENT., ALT.)

## Morning Prayer

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