

Tuesday, February 9, 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.

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**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 PRAISE**

Come, let us sing to the Ho-ly One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-vation.
**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

+ **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

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faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(SAINT THOMAS, ITALY, 13TH CENT.)

+ [Psalm 102:12-28](#) NRSV

Incline your ear to me;

answer me speedily in the day when I call.

¹² But you, O LORD, are enthroned for-ever;
your name endures to all gen-er-ations.

¹³ You will rise up and have compassion on *Zion*,
for it is time to favor it;
the appointed time has *come*.

¹⁴ For your servants hold its stones *dear*,
and have pity on its *dust*.

¹⁵ The nations will fear the name of the *LORD*,
and all the kings of the earth your *glory*.

¹⁶ For the LORD will build up *Zion*;
he will appear in his *glory*.

¹⁷ He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
and will not des-pise their *prayer*.

¹⁸ Let this be recorded for a gener-ation to *come*,
so that a people yet unborn may praise the *LORD*:

¹⁹ that he looked down from his holy *height*,
from heaven the LORD looked at the *earth*,

²⁰ to hear the groans of the *prisoners*,
to set free those who were doomed to *die*;

²¹ so that the name of the LORD may be de-clared in *Zion*,
and his praise in Jer-u-sa-lem,

²² when peoples gather to-*gether*,
and kingdoms, to wor-ship the *LORD*.

²³ He has broken my strength in mid-*course*;
he has shortened my *days*.

²⁴ “O my God,” I say, “do not take me away
at the midpoint of my *life*,
you whose years endure
throughout all gen-er-ations.”

²⁵ Long ago you laid the foundation of the *earth*,
and the heavens are the work of your *hands*.

²⁶ They will perish, but you en-*dure*;
they will all wear out like a *garment*.

You change them like *clothing*, and they pass a-*way*;

²⁷ but you are the same, and your years have no *end*.

²⁸ The children of your servants shall live se-*cure*;
their offspring shall be established in your *presence*.

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

***Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call.***

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **WORD:** Acts 15:36-41 CEB

³⁶ Some time later, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit all the brothers and sisters in every city where we preached the Lord's word. Let's see how they are doing."

³⁷ Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them. ³⁸ Paul insisted that they shouldn't take him along, since he had deserted them in Pamphylia and hadn't continued with them in their work. ³⁹ Their argument became so intense that they went their separate ways. Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus. ⁴⁰ Paul chose Silas and left, entrusted by the brothers and sisters to the Lord's grace.

⁴¹ He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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.

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.

+ **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

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

⁷ Correct a worthless bragger,
and all you will get
are insults and injuries.

⁸ Any bragger you correct
will only hate you.

But if you correct someone
who has common sense,
you will be loved.

⁹ If you have good sense,
instruction will help you
to have even better sense.

And if you live right,

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education will help you
to know even more.

¹⁰ Respect and obey the LORD!
This is the beginning
of wisdom.

To have understanding,
you must know the Holy God.

¹¹ I am Wisdom.
If you follow me,
you will live a long time.

Proverbs 9:7-11

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **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 THE MISSION of the CHURCH

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you
through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him,
that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the
hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ PRAYERS FOR TOWNS and RURAL AREAS

***Lord Christ, when you came among us, you
proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns,
and lonely places: Grant that your presence and
power may be known throughout this land. Have***

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mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas especially here in Atlantic County; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

+ **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.***

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+ 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.)

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