

Wednesday, February 10, 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** - *The Second Song of Isaiah*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord,
and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:6-11

+ **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.**

+ **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*.

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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:** Mark 3:7-12 CEV

⁷ Jesus led his disciples down to the shore of the lake.
Large crowds followed him from Galilee, Judea, ⁸ and
Jerusalem. People came from Idumea, as well as other
places east of the Jordan River. They also came from the
region around the cities of Tyre and Sidon. All of these
crowds came because they had heard what Jesus was
doing. ⁹ He even had to tell his disciples to get a boat
ready to keep him from being crushed by the crowds.

¹⁰ After Jesus had healed many people, the other sick
people begged him to let them touch him. ¹¹ And
whenever any evil spirits saw Jesus, they would fall to the

ground and shout, "You are the Son of God!" ¹² But Jesus
warned the spirits not to tell who he was.

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 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: SCHOLASTICA**

Scholastica is a saint of the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Churches. She is the foundress of the women's branch of Benedictine Monasticism.

According to the Dialogues of Gregory the Great, Scholastica was born c. 480 in Nursia, Umbria, of wealthy parents. While Gregory states that Scholastica was Benedict's sister, a later tradition, says she was his twin. Whether this is meant biologically or allegorically (spiritually) or both is not clear. Gregory the Great says she was dedicated to God from a young age. She and her

brother Benedict were brought up together until the time he left to pursue studies in Rome.

Benedictine tradition holds that Scholastica established a hermitage about five miles from Monte Cassino and that this was the first "Benedictine" convent.

* Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006

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+ **COLLECT:** **SCHOLASTICA**

Help us, O God, to love one other as sisters and brothers, and to balance discipline with love, and rules with compassion, according to the example shown by your saints Scholastica and Benedict. All this we ask for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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+ **PRAYERS**

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

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

+ PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

+ 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.***

+ **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**

¹⁶ And I pray that he would unveil within us the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods our innermost beings with his divine might and explosive power.

¹⁷ Then, by constantly using our faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside us, and the resting place of his love will become the very source and root of our lives.

Ephesians 3:16-17
The Passion Translation

Morning Prayer

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