

Monday, March 1, 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.

\* 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 THANKSGIVING**

It is good to give thanks to the *LORD*,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most *High*;  
***to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithful-ness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.***

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your *work*;  
at the works of your hands I sing for *joy*.

***How great are your works, O LORD!***

***Your thoughts are ver-y deep!***

Psalm 92:1-5

+ **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 105:1-11, 37-45** NRSV

***Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.***

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on his *name*,  
make known his deeds a-mong the *peoples*.

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<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to *him*;  
tell of all his wonder-ful *works*.

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his ho-ly *name*;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD re-*joice*.

<sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his *strength*;  
seek his presence con-*tinually*.

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has *done*,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has *uttered*,

<sup>6</sup> O offspring of his ser-vant *Abraham*,  
children of Jacob, his cho-sen *ones*.

<sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our *God*;  
his judgments are in all the *earth*.

<sup>8</sup> He is mindful of his covenant for-*ever*,  
of the word that he commanded,  
for a thousand gen-er-ations,

<sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with *Abraham*,  
his sworn promise to *Isaac*,

<sup>10</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a *statute*,  
to Israel as an ever-last-ing *covenant*,

<sup>11</sup> saying, "To you I will give the land of *Canaan*  
as your portion for an in-*heritance*."

<sup>37</sup> Then he brought Israel out with silver and *gold*,  
and there was no one among their tribes who *stumbled*.

<sup>38</sup> Egypt was glad when they de-*parted*,  
for dread of them had fallen upon *it*.

<sup>39</sup> He spread a cloud for a *covering*,  
and fire to give light by *night*.

<sup>40</sup> They asked, and he brought *quails*,  
and gave them food from heaven in *abundance*.

<sup>41</sup> He opened the rock, and water gushed *out*;  
it flowed through the desert like a *river*.

<sup>42</sup> For he remembered his ho-ly *promise*,  
and Abra-ham, his *servant*.

<sup>43</sup> So he brought his people out with *joy*,  
his chosen ones with *singing*.

<sup>44</sup> He gave them the lands of the *nations*,  
and they took possession of the wealth of the *peoples*,

<sup>45</sup> that they might keep his statutes  
and ob-serve his *laws*.

Praise the *LORD*!

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

***Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.***

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+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **WORD:** Genesis 21:1-7 CEV

The LORD was good to Sarah and kept his promise.

<sup>2</sup> Although Abraham was very old, Sarah had a son exactly at the time God had said. <sup>3</sup> Abraham named his son Isaac, <sup>4</sup> and when the boy was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, just as the LORD had commanded.

<sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when Isaac was born, <sup>6</sup> and Sarah said, "God has made me laugh. Now everyone will laugh with me. <sup>7</sup> Who would have dared to tell Abraham that someday I would have a child? But in his old age, I have given him a son."

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

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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: DAVID OF WALES**

Though we know him to have been a real person, little is known of David, even the dates of his birth and death – sometime during the first or sixth centuries – remain a guess. He was the son of King Xantus, a prince of Cardigan in far western Wales; the rest of his biography is unreliable, having been written in the eleventh century by Rhygyfarch in an attempt to uphold the claim of the Welsh bishopric independent of Canterbury. David first appeared in an Irish Catalogue of Saints around 730; by 800, his feast day was set as March 1st.

Legend says that St Patrick stayed for a time in Wales late in his life, intending to remain there. He was sent a vision of angels who told him that he was to return to Ireland “while Wales waited for the saint whom God should send.”

David is said to have become a priest, studying under Saint Paulinus for several years on an unidentified island. Working as a missionary, he founded several monasteries, at least one of which was known for its extreme asceticism, its Rule being based on those of the Egyptian monks. Allowing one meal a day, frequent fasts and great lengths of silence, David was said to set an even stricter Rule for himself, drinking only water and praying alone long after vespers.

Even within these guidelines, David and his monks were said to be cheerful and happy, enjoying music and their work of copying scripture.

A persuasive preacher, David was named Archbishop of Wales sometime around 550, though quite unwillingly. Following his acceptance, a white dove was said to have landed on his shoulders as if it were a sign of God's grace and blessing.

David is said to have convened the Synod of Victory (so called because it marked the end of Pelagianism) and to have written regulations for the British Church.

In art, St. David is depicted as a Celtic bishop with long hair and a beard, and a dove perched on his shoulder. He may be shown preaching on a hill, or holding his cathedral.

\* For All the Saints pg 109

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+ **COLLECT: DAVID OF WALES**

Gracious God, by the holy example of David of Wales you have drawn us more deeply into the mystery of your way with the world: Grant that as living members of the family of

saints we might be made perfect in love and join their ceaseless life of praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, from generation to generation. **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.***

+ FOR THE ABSENT

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly pray you graciously to behold and bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

+ FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

***We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for all future generations. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, 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.***

+ PRAYER: MONDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

***Let your Spirit, O Lord, come into the midst of us to wash us with the pure water of repentance, and prepare us to be always a living sacrifice to you; 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

***O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the***

***Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and 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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