

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. Joel 2:13

*** 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 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.

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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.***

(SAINT THOMAS, ITALY, 13TH CENT.)

* **WORD:** Jeremiah 15:10-21 CEV

¹⁰ I wish I had never been born!

I'm always in trouble

with everyone in Judah.

I never lend or borrow money,

but everyone curses me

just the same.

¹¹ Then the LORD replied,

"I promise to protect you,

and when disaster comes,

even your enemies

will beg you for help."

The LORD told me to say:

¹² People of Judah,

just as you can't break iron

mixed with bronze,

you can't defeat the enemies

that will attack

from the north.

¹³ I will give them

everything you own,

because you have sinned

everywhere in your country.

¹⁴ My anger is a fire

that cannot be put out,

so I will make you slaves

of your enemies

in a foreign land.

¹⁵ You can see how I suffer

insult after insult,

all because of you, LORD.

Don't be so patient

with my enemies;

take revenge on them

before they kill me.

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¹⁶ When you spoke to me,
I was glad to obey,
because I belong to you,
the LORD All-Powerful.

¹⁷ I don't go to parties
and have a good time.
Instead, I keep to myself,
because you have filled me
with your anger.

¹⁸ I am badly injured
and in constant pain.
Are you going to disappoint me,
like a stream that goes dry
in the heat of summer?

¹⁹ Then the LORD told me:
Stop talking like a fool!
If you turn back to me
and speak my message,
I will let you be my prophet
once again.
I hope the people of Judah
will accept what you say.
But you can ignore their threats,

²⁰ because I am making you strong,
like a bronze wall.

They are evil and violent,
but when they attack,

²¹ I will be there to rescue you.
I, the LORD, have spoken.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **Psalm 6** NRSV

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;

My soul also is struck with terror

¹ O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.

² Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
O LORD, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.

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³ My soul also is struck with terror,
while you, O LORD—how long?

⁴ Turn, O LORD, save my life;
deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.

⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who can give you praise?

⁶ I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.

⁷ My eyes waste away because of grief;
they grow weak because of all my foes.

⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

⁹ The LORD has heard my supplication;
the LORD accepts my prayer.

¹⁰ All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror;
they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.

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

***Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
My soul also is struck with terror***

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **WORD:** John 12:20-26 CEV

²⁰ Some Greeks had gone to Jerusalem to worship during
Passover. ²¹ Philip from Bethsaida in Galilee was there
too. So they went to him and said, “Sir, we would like to
meet Jesus.” ²² Philip told Andrew. Then the two of them
went to Jesus and told him.

²³ Jesus said:

The time has come for the Son of Man to be given his
glory. ²⁴ I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls
on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it
dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat. ²⁵ If you
love your life, you will lose it. If you give it up in this world,
you will be given eternal life. ²⁶ If you serve me, you must
go with me. My servants will be with me wherever I am. If
you serve me, my Father will honor you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

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* **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*.

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.***

* **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 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.

* COLLECT: Tuesday In Holy Week

***O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made
an instrument of shameful death to be for us the
means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of
Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for
the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who***

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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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.***

* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

* **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**

¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17 NRSV

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