

Saturday, April 10, 2021

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

* **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.***

* **CANTICLE OF ACCLAMATION**

You, Christ, reign in glory,

the eternal Chosen One of God.

When you came in the flesh to set us free,
you took our nature on you,
human child of human mother.

***To give us life, you died and broke death's power
making us worthy by your boundless goodness.
You broke the chains that held us captive
and opened wide the gates of eternal life with you.***

O creator God, of majesty unbounded,
your Chosen One, worthy of all worship:
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,
save your people, bless your inheritance.

***Complete the work of our salvation;
with grace and judgment,
come and save your people.
And bring us with your Saints
to live with you in God's eternal presence.***

* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

***Dawn from on high,
Your light illumines all our days.
Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.
Be merciful in us for the sake of others.
Make us fearless when confronting injustice and
need, that we may give you glory in the power of the
Spirit. Amen.***

* For All the Saints

* **WORD:** **Isaiah 25:1-9** CEV

You, LORD, are my God!

 I will praise you

for doing the wonderful things

you had planned and promised

 since ancient times.

² You have destroyed the fortress

of our enemies,

 leaving their city in ruins.

Nothing in that foreign city

 will ever be rebuilt.

³ Now strong and cruel nations

 will fear and honor you.

⁴ You have been a place of safety
for the poor and needy
 in times of trouble.

Brutal enemies pounded us
 like a heavy rain
or the heat of the sun at noon,
 but you were our shelter.

⁵ Those wild foreigners struck
 like scorching desert heat.

But you were like a cloud,
 protecting us from the sun.

You kept our enemies from singing
 songs of victory.

⁶ On this mountain
 the LORD All-Powerful
will prepare

for all nations
 a feast of the finest foods.

Choice wines and the best meats
 will be served.

⁷ Here the LORD will strip away
the burial clothes
 that cover the nations.

⁸ The LORD All-Powerful

will destroy the power of death
and wipe away all tears.

No longer will his people
be insulted everywhere.

The LORD has spoken!

⁹ At that time, people will say,

“The LORD has saved us!

Let’s celebrate.

We waited and hoped—

now our God is here.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* [Psalm 145](#) NRSV

¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.

⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant
goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

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

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **WORD:** **John 16:16-33** CEV

¹⁶ Jesus told his disciples, “For a little while you won’t see me, but after a while you will see me. “

¹⁷ They said to each other, “What does Jesus mean by saying that for a little while we won’t see him, but after a while we will see him? What does he mean by saying that he is going to the Father? ¹⁸ What is this ‘little while’ that he is talking about? We don’t know what he means.”

¹⁹ Jesus knew that they had some questions, so he said:

You are wondering what I meant when I said that for a little while you won’t see me, but after a while you will see me. ²⁰ I tell you for certain that you will cry and be sad, but the world will be happy. You will be sad, but later you will be happy.

²¹ When a woman is about to give birth, she is in great pain. But after it is all over, she forgets the pain and is happy, because she has brought a child into the world.

²² You are now very sad. But later I will see you, and you will be so happy that no one will be able to change the way you feel. ²³ When that time comes, you won’t have to ask me about anything. I tell you for certain that the

Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name.

²⁴ You have not asked for anything in this way before, but now you must ask in my name. Then it will be given to you, so that you will be completely happy.

²⁵ I have used examples to explain to you what I have been talking about. But the time will come when I will speak to you plainly about the Father and will no longer use examples like these. ²⁶ You will ask the Father in my name, and I won't have to ask him for you. ²⁷ God the Father loves you because you love me, and you believe that I have come from him. ²⁸ I came from the Father into the world, but I am leaving the world and returning to the Father.

²⁹ The disciples said, "Now you are speaking plainly to us! You are not using examples. ³⁰ At last we know that you understand everything, and we don't have any more questions. Now we believe that you truly have come from God."

³¹ Jesus replied:

Do you really believe me? ³² The time will come and is already here when all of you will be scattered. Each of you will go back home and leave me by myself. But the Father will be with me, and I won't be alone. ³³ I have told you

this, so that you might have peace in your hearts because of me. While you are in the world, you will have to suffer. But cheer up! I have defeated the world.

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*.

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: Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

A martyr of the Confessing Church of Germany, Bonhoeffer's father was a successful university professor in psychiatry and his mother a teacher. Dietrich had seven siblings, among them a twin sister. He was drawn first to theology as an academic discipline, studying at Berlin University with the famous historian, Adolf von Harnack, and influenced by the writings of Karl Barth. After stunning dissertations, he was accepted as a lecturer in theology at the University of Berlin at only 24. He spent a year at New

York's Union Theological Seminary, where the advocates of the "social gospel" made a lasting impression. Not long after his return to Germany, he had a "great liberation" of discovering Bible and prayer "for the first time." [cxl] From then on, the theologian lived and wrote as a committed member of the Church, as evidenced by writings on the Christian life, notably, The Cost of Discipleship.

* For All the Saints

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **COLLECT: Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Fearless Jesus who suffered a baptism of blood, as we celebrate Dietrich Bonhoeffer who confessed your name in the face of the spiritual forces of wickedness and death-dealing scorn, renew in us our baptismal promise to reject evil, to resist injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves, and to openly confess you as Savior and Lord. 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)*

* PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

* Bookmark of St Teresa

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices. Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people. ***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.*

* COLLECT: Saturday in Easter Week

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.*

* **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**

So may God shower his peace upon you, my beloved friends. And may the blessings of faith and love fill your hearts from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus, the Messiah. 24 Abundant grace will be with you all as each of you love our Lord Jesus Christ without corruption.

Amen!

Ephesians 6:23-24 The Passion Translation

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