

Friday, May 28, 2021

*Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands,  
a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear  
in the presence of God on our behalf. Hebrews 9:24*

\* **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** - *The First Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be a-fraid.

***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-fense,  
and he will be my Savior.***

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
***from the springs of sal-vation.***

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call u-pon his Name;  
***Make his deeds known a-mong the peoples;***  
see that they remember that his Name is ex-*alted.*

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great *things*,  
***and this is known in all the world.***

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you

***is the Holy One of Israel.*** Isaiah 12:2-6

\* **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.***

\*OSL

\* **WORD: Deuteronomy 5:1-22** CEB

Moses called out to all Israel, saying to them: “Israel! Listen to the regulations and the case laws that I’m recounting in your hearing right now. Learn them and carefully do them.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Mount Horeb. <sup>3</sup> The LORD didn’t make this covenant with our ancestors but with us—all of us who are here and alive right now. <sup>4</sup> The LORD spoke with you face-to-face on the mountain from the very fire itself. <sup>5</sup> At that time, I was standing between the LORD and you, declaring to you the LORD’s word, because you were terrified of the fire and didn’t go up on the mountain.”

The LORD said:

<sup>6</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>7</sup> You must have no other gods before me. <sup>8</sup> Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth.

<sup>9</sup> Do not bow down to them or worship them because I, the

LORD your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents’ sins—even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. <sup>10</sup> But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>11</sup> Do not use the LORD your God’s name as if it were of no significance; the LORD won’t forgive anyone who uses his name that way.

<sup>12</sup> Keep the Sabbath day and treat it as holy, exactly as the LORD your God commanded: <sup>13</sup> Six days you may work and do all your tasks, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. Don’t do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your oxen or donkeys or any of your animals, or the immigrant who is living among you—so that your male and female servants can rest just like you. <sup>15</sup> Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, but the LORD your God brought you out of there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. That’s why the LORD your God commands you to keep the Sabbath day.

<sup>16</sup> Honor your father and your mother, exactly as the LORD your God requires, so that your life will be long and so that things will go well for you on the fertile land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>17</sup> Do not kill.

<sup>18</sup> Do not commit adultery.

<sup>19</sup> Do not steal.

<sup>20</sup> Do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

<sup>21</sup> Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife.

Do not crave your neighbor's house, field, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>22</sup> Those are the words the LORD spoke to your entire assembly with a loud voice while on the mountain, from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick smoke. He added no more. God wrote them on two stone tablets, then gave them to me.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* [Psalm 31:1-8](#) NRSV

***Into your hand I commit my spirit;***

***you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.***

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

do not let me ever be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me.

<sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

<sup>4</sup> take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

<sup>6</sup> You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,

but I trust in the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,

because you have seen my affliction;

you have taken heed of my adversities,

<sup>8</sup> and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;

you have set my feet in a broad place.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,

one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Into your hand I commit my spirit;***

***you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **WORD: Luke 16:10-17** CEB

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> If you haven’t been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> If you haven’t been faithful with someone else’s property, who will give you your own? <sup>13</sup> No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

<sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who were money-lovers, heard all this and sneered at Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves before other people, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued by people is deeply offensive to God. <sup>16</sup> Until John, there was only the Law and the Prophets. Since then, the good news of God’s kingdom is preached, and everyone is urged to enter it. <sup>17</sup> It’s easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for the smallest stroke of a pen in the Law to drop out.

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.*

\* 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)*

\* 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.**

\* PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION (PARISH)

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* PRAYER FOR IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

*O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 FOR FRIDAY

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

\* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 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**

And now to him who can keep you on your feet, standing tall  
in his bright presence, fresh and celebrating—to our one  
God, our only Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Master, be  
glory, majesty, strength, and rule before all time, and now,  
and to the end of all time. Jude 24 & 25 MSG

## Morning Prayer

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