

Friday, May 7, 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.***

* **CANTICLE OF THE RESURRECTION**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
not with the old leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

***Christ being raised from the dead
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death he died, he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives, he lives to God.***

So consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. * OSL

* **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:** Wisdom 16:15-17:1 CEB

¹⁵ It is impossible to escape from your hand. ¹⁶ Even though the ungodly denied any knowledge of you, it was your strong arm that afflicted them. They were pursued by strange rainfalls that never stopped, and by hailstorms and downpours. They were pursued by a fire that consumed everything. ¹⁷ The most unusual thing about this fire was that it showed that it was stronger than water, which normally quenches any fire. Yet the universe itself comes to the defense of those who do what is right. ¹⁸ At one point the flame did die down, so that it might not destroy the creatures that had been sent but only punish them. The ungodly noticed and realized it was God's judgment that was hunting them down. ¹⁹ Then suddenly the fire flared up again, right in the midst of water, with an even greater intensity than normal fire. It destroyed the crops in a land dominated by wrongdoing.

²⁰ In contrast, you fed your people with the food from angels. Again and again, you provided your people with a bread that had been prepared in heaven. It was a bread that was able to satisfy anyone's longing and please anyone's taste. ²¹ You even showed your children your sweet side: when they ate, the bread was changed into whatever they wanted it to become! ²² And though it was like snow and snowflakes, it

endured the fire, which didn't melt it. In this way, they knew that their enemies' crops had been destroyed by an unusual fire, one that blazed even in the midst of the hail and let off sparks even in the midst of the rain. ²³ But in order that those who do the right thing might be fed, fire itself forgot how powerful it was. ²⁴ Creation, which serves you, the one who made it, tenses itself in preparation for the judgment of those who have done wrong and then relaxes itself again in order to benefit those who have put their trust in you.

²⁵ And so it was that what was created was changed. It became a minister of your gift, completely nourishing and fulfilling the desire of those in need. ²⁶ In this way your children, whom you love, Lord, would learn that it isn't the various kinds of crops that sustain humans, but it is your word that preserves those who trust in you. ²⁷ As proof, what wasn't destroyed by the fire simply melted away when it was warmed by a gentle sunbeam. ²⁸ In this way we learn that we too must arise before the sun to thank you and pray to you with the dawn of light. ²⁹ The hope of those who don't thank God, however, will melt away like winter frost and drain away like wastewater.

¹ Your judgments are great and difficult to explain. This is why those who haven't been well-taught go astray.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* [Psalm 106:1-18](#) NRSV

¹ Praise the LORD!

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

*² Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,
or declare all his praise?*

*³ Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.*

⁴ Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your
people;

help me when you deliver them;

⁵ that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.

*⁶ Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.*

⁷ Our ancestors, when they were in Egypt,
did not consider your wonderful works;

they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,
but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.

*⁸ Yet he saved them for his name's sake,
so that he might make known his mighty power.*

⁹ He rebuked the Red Sea and it became dry;
he led them through the deep as through a desert.

¹⁰ So he saved them from the hand of the foe,
and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

*¹¹ The waters covered their adversaries;
not one of them was left.*

*¹² Then they believed his words;
they sang his praise.*

¹³ But they soon forgot his works;
they did not wait for his counsel.

¹⁴ But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness,
and put God to the test in the desert;

*¹⁵ he gave them what they asked,
but sent a wasting disease among them.*

*¹⁶ They were jealous of Moses in the camp,
and of Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.*

*¹⁷ The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
and covered the faction of Abiram.*

¹⁸ Fire also broke out in their company;
the flame burned up the wicked.

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **WORD:** Luke 8:40-56 CEB

⁴⁰ When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they had been waiting for him. ⁴¹ A man named Jairus, who was a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet. He pleaded with Jesus to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a twelve-year-old, was dying.

As Jesus moved forward, he faced smothering crowds. ⁴³ A woman was there who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had spent her entire livelihood on doctors, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the hem of his clothes, and at once her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

When everyone denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are surrounding you and pressing in on you!"

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me. I know that power has gone out from me."

⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she couldn't escape notice, she came trembling and fell before Jesus. In front of everyone, she explained why she had touched him and how she had been immediately healed.

⁴⁸ "Daughter, your faith has healed you," Jesus said. "Go in peace."

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the synagogue leader's house, saying to Jairus, "Your daughter has died. Don't bother the teacher any longer."

⁵⁰ When Jesus heard this, he responded, "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting, and she will be healed."

⁵¹ When he came to the house, he didn't allow anyone to enter with him except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² They were all crying and mourning for her, but Jesus said, "Don't cry. She isn't dead. She's only sleeping."

⁵³ They laughed at him because they knew she was dead.

⁵⁴ Taking her hand, Jesus called out, "Child, get up." ⁵⁵ Her life returned and she got up at once. He directed them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were beside themselves with joy, but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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.**

* EASTER SEASON INTERCESSION

O God, our grove, our lover, our well: In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your garden. Marry us for now and for ever, and give us to eat from the tree of life; through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia.

* PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; 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.***

* A COLLECT FOR FRIDAYS

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

***Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:
Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to
be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may
steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to
eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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**

Finally, brothers and sisters, keep rejoicing and repair whatever is broken. Encourage each other, think as one, and live at peace; and God, the Author of love and peace, will remain with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11 VOICE

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