

Monday, May 17, 2021

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

* **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.

***Satisfy us in the morning
with your steadfast love, O God,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.***

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* **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:

***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: Ezekiel 4:1-17** CEB

You, human one, take a brick. Put it in front of you and draw the city of Jerusalem on it. ² Prepare the siege: Build a wall, construct ramps, set up army camps, and place battering rams all around. ³ Take an iron plate and set it up as an iron wall between you and the city. Face it directly. When it is under siege like this, press hard against it. This is a sign for the house of Israel.

⁴ Now, lie on your left side, and set the guilt of the house of Israel on it. For the length of time that you lie on your side, you will bear their punishment. ⁵ I appoint to you three hundred ninety days, one day for each year of their guilt. So you will bear the punishment of the house of Israel. ⁶ When you have completed these days, lie on your right side to bear the guilt of the house of Judah. I appoint forty days to you, one day for each year. ⁷ With your arm stretched out, face the siege of Jerusalem directly and prophesy against it. ⁸ I've now bound you with cords so that you can't turn from one side to the other until you have completed the days of your siege.

⁹ You, gather some wheat and barley, beans and lentils, and millet and spelt. Put them in a bowl and make your bread from them. Eat it during the three hundred ninety days that you lie on your side. ¹⁰ At fixed times you will eat your food

by weight, fourteen ounces a day. ¹¹ You will also ration your water by measure, drinking a sixth of a hin at fixed times each day. ¹² Eat it like barley bread, and bake it on human excrement while they watch. ¹³ The LORD says: In this same way the Israelites will eat their unclean bread among the nations where I am scattering them.

¹⁴ And I said: "Ah, LORD God! I've never been unclean! From my childhood until now I've never eaten anything that wasn't properly slaughtered, and no unclean meat has ever entered my mouth!"

¹⁵ He answered me: "Then I'll let you use cow dung instead of human excrement. You can make your bread over that."

¹⁶ Then he said to me: Human one, I'm destroying the food supply in Jerusalem. They will anxiously ration and eat their food, and in dismay they will dole out and drink their water.

¹⁷ When their food and water dwindles away, everyone will be horrified, and they will waste away because of their guilt.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* **Psalm 89:1-18** NRSV

***Righteousness and justice are the
foundation of your throne;***

steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

- ¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
- ² I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
- ³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
- ⁴ "I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'" *Selah*
- ⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
- ⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
- ⁷ a God feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and awesome above all that are around him?
- ⁸ O LORD God of hosts,
who is as mighty as you, O LORD?
Your faithfulness surrounds you.
- ⁹ You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.
- ¹⁰ You crushed Rahab like a carcass;
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- ¹¹ The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it - you have founded them.

- ¹² The north and the south - you created them;
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.
- ¹³ You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.
- ¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;
- ¹⁶ they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.
- ¹⁸ For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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

***Righteousness and justice are the
foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.***

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **WORD:** Luke 9:51-62 CEB

⁵¹ As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² He sent messengers on ahead of him. Along the way, they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but the Samaritan villagers refused to welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to consume them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and spoke sternly to them, ⁵⁶ and they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As Jesus and his disciples traveled along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ Then Jesus said to someone else, "Follow me."

He replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God's kingdom."

⁶¹ Someone else said to Jesus, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house."

⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom."

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*.

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **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

* **COMMEMORATION:** Jacob Albright

Founder of the Evangelical Association, Albright was born near Pottstown, Pennsylvania, the child of German immigrants, and was baptized and confirmed as a Lutheran. He married and settled on a farm in Lancaster County, where in addition to farming he conducted a successful tile and brick factory and became known as "the honest tile maker." . . .

He felt the call to preach but was deeply conscious of his lack of theological education. After a long struggle he started preaching in barns, log cabins, and schoolhouses to the many German-speaking people of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia and organized those who responded into classes.

* 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)*

* **COLLECT:** **Jacob Albright**

Almighty God, in whose kingdom servants are leaders, we give you thanks and praise for the memory of your servant Jacob Albright, who sensed the flow of your desire for the world and called us to new ways of worship and being: Let our will be caught by the tide of your love that creation might be renewed and all your people live in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* For All the Saints

* 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.

* EASTER SEASON INTERCESSION

O God, Holy One, our altar, our cloud: In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your temple. Accept the sacrifices we offer, and draw us into the fire of your spirit; through Christ our Lord. **Amen. Alleluia.**

* PRAYERS FOR JOY IN GOD'S CREATION

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly pray to you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask 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 OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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.

Morning Prayer

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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

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with
you now and always. **Amen**

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