

Saturday, June 5, 2021

\* **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 WISDOM**

Wisdom has built her house, setting up seven pillars.  
She has prepared the food and wine and set her table.

***She has sent out her servants  
to call out from the Heights above the city:***

“Let those who want enlightenment come.  
Come, taste my bread and drink my spiced wine.

***Give up your foolishness and live,  
And walk the path of understanding.”***

If you are wise, your reward is wisdom;  
If you teach the just, they grow in understanding.

***Wisdom begins with reverence for God,  
and knowledge of the holy one is insight.***

\* OSL

\* **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.***

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING:**     **Deuteronomy 29:2-15**   CEB

<sup>2</sup> Moses summoned all Israel, saying to them:

You've seen with your own eyes everything the LORD did in Egypt, to Pharaoh, his servants, and all his land— <sup>3</sup> the great trials your eyes witnessed, those awesome signs and wonders! <sup>4</sup> But until this very moment, the LORD hasn't given you insight to understand, eyes to see, or ears to hear. <sup>5</sup> I've led you in the wilderness forty years now; neither the clothes on your back nor the sandals on your feet have worn out. <sup>6</sup> Neither have you eaten bread nor drunk wine or beer during this time—so that you would know that I am the LORD your God. <sup>7</sup> When you arrived here, Sihon, Heshbon's king, and Og, Bashan's king, marched out to fight against us, but we defeated them. <sup>8</sup> We took possession of their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, Gadites, and half of Manasseh's tribe. <sup>9</sup> So then keep the words of this covenant and do them so you can succeed in all you do.

<sup>10</sup> Right now, all of you are in the presence of the LORD your God—the leaders of your tribes, your elders, and your officials, all the Israelite males, <sup>11</sup> your children, your wives, and the immigrants who live with you in your camp, the ones who chop your wood and those who draw your

water— <sup>12</sup> ready to enter into the LORD your God's covenant and into the agreement that the LORD your God is making with you right now. <sup>13</sup> That means the Lord will make you his own people right now—he will be your God just as he promised you and just as he swore to our ancestors: to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>14</sup> But I'm not making this covenant and this agreement with you alone <sup>15</sup> but also with those standing here with us right now before the LORD our God, and also with those who aren't here with us right now.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **Psalm 55**   NRSV

***But I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.***

***Evening and morning and at noon***

***I utter my complaint and moan,  
and he will hear my voice.***

<sup>1</sup> Give ear to my prayer, O God;  
do not hide yourself from my supplication.

<sup>2</sup> Attend to me, and answer me;  
I am troubled in my complaint.  
I am distraught <sup>3</sup> by the noise of the enemy,  
because of the clamor of the wicked.  
For they bring trouble upon me,  
and in anger they cherish enmity against me.  
<sup>4</sup> My heart is in anguish within me,  
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.  
<sup>5</sup> Fear and trembling come upon me,  
and horror overwhelms me.  
<sup>6</sup> And I say, "O that I had wings like a dove!  
I would fly away and be at rest;  
<sup>7</sup> truly, I would flee far away;  
I would lodge in the wilderness; *Selah*  
<sup>8</sup> I would hurry to find a shelter for myself  
from the raging wind and tempest."  
<sup>9</sup> Confuse, O Lord, confound their speech;  
for I see violence and strife in the city.  
<sup>10</sup> Day and night they go around it  
on its walls,  
and iniquity and trouble are within it;  
<sup>11</sup> ruin is in its midst;  
oppression and fraud  
do not depart from its marketplace.

<sup>12</sup> It is not enemies who taunt me—  
I could bear that;  
it is not adversaries who deal insolently with me—  
I could hide from them.  
<sup>13</sup> But it is you, my equal,  
my companion, my familiar friend,  
<sup>14</sup> with whom I kept pleasant company;  
we walked in the house of God with the throng.  
<sup>15</sup> Let death come upon them;  
let them go down alive to Sheol;  
for evil is in their homes and in their hearts.  
<sup>16</sup> But I call upon God,  
and the LORD will save me.  
<sup>17</sup> Evening and morning and at noon  
I utter my complaint and moan,  
and he will hear my voice.  
<sup>18</sup> He will redeem me unharmed  
from the battle that I wage,  
for many are arrayed against me.  
<sup>19</sup> God, who is enthroned from of old, *Selah*  
will hear, and will humble them—  
because they do not change,  
and do not fear God.

<sup>20</sup> My companion laid hands on a friend  
and violated a covenant with me

<sup>21</sup> with speech smoother than butter,  
but with a heart set on war;  
with words that were softer than oil,  
but in fact were drawn swords.

<sup>22</sup> Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit  
the righteous to be moved.

<sup>23</sup> But you, O God, will cast them down  
into the lowest pit;  
the bloodthirsty and treacherous  
shall not live out half their days.  
But I will trust in you.

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

***But I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.  
Evening and morning and at noon  
I utter my complaint and moan,  
and he will hear my voice.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **WORD:** **Luke 18:15-30** CEB

<sup>15</sup> People were bringing babies to Jesus so that he would bless them. When the disciples saw this, they scolded them. <sup>16</sup> Then Jesus called them to him and said, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. <sup>17</sup> I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it."

<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: *Don't commit adultery. Don't murder. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. Honor your father and mother.*"

<sup>21</sup> Then the ruler said, "I've kept all of these things since I was a boy."

<sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said, "There's one more thing. Sell everything you own and distribute the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And

come, follow me.”<sup>23</sup> When he heard these words, the man became sad because he was extremely rich.

<sup>24</sup> When Jesus saw this, he said, “It’s very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom! <sup>25</sup> It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom.”

<sup>26</sup> Those who heard this said, “Then who can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus replied, “What is impossible for humans is possible for God.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter said, “Look, we left everything we own and followed you.”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to them, “I assure you that anyone who has left house, husband, wife, brothers, sisters, parents, or children because of God’s kingdom <sup>30</sup> will receive many times more in this age and eternal life in the coming age.”

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: Boniface (754)**

Boniface, known as Wynfrith until admission into monastic life, was born at Crediton in southwest England in the late 7th century. Although his intellect and leadership insured a settled career in the Church, he chose instead the hazardous life of the missionary, preaching in the pagan outposts of 8th century Germany. His first venture was an unqualified failure. Unvanquished, Boniface patiently garnered the support of Rome and local monarchs – both vital to his future success. Yet he maintained his piety and integrity, boldly confronting his benefactors' moral conduct and abuses of power. Indeed, Christ's teaching to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves distinguished the life of this holy man.

\* 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: Boniface** (754)

Strong Word of God, by whom the world was created,  
in whom the world is redeemed,  
Always send forth heralds like Boniface, to bear the good  
news, that your saving way may be made known in every  
place and time, in every land and to every people, for your  
sake and for the sake of the world. **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.***

\* PRAYERS FOR Prisons and Correctional Institutions

***Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a  
criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and***

***judgment. Remembering all prisoners, bring the guilty  
to repentance and amendment of life according to  
your will, and give them hope for their future. When  
any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us,  
and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those  
who work in these institutions; keep them humane  
and compassionate; and save them from becoming  
brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in  
prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to  
improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's  
sake. Amen.***

\* FOR THE HARVEST OF LANDS AND WATERS

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all  
things living with abundance: Bless the lands and  
waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your  
Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth;  
show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her  
increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give,  
that men and women everywhere may give you thanks;  
through 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 and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, 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**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
**Amen!**



## Morning Prayer

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