

Tuesday, Jun 1, 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.

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***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 PRAISE**

Come, let us sing to the Ho-ly One; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-vation.  
***Let us come before God's presence  
with thanks-giving,\*  
and raise a loud shout with psalms.***

For you, O God, are a great God,\*  
you are great a-bove all gods.

***In your hand are the caverns of the earth,\*  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.***

The sea is yours, for you made it,\*  
and your hands have molded the dry land.  
***Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before God, our Maker.***

For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture  
and the sheep of your hand.\*  
***Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!***

PSALM 95:1-7

**\* MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:  
***Almighty and everlasting God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are  
restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such***

***piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and, in your service, find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

St. Augustine

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Deuteronomy 12:1-12** CEB

<sup>1</sup> These are the regulations and the case laws that you must carefully keep in the fertile land the LORD, your ancestors' God, has given to you to possess for as long as you live on that land:

<sup>2</sup> You must completely destroy every place where the nations that you are displacing worshipped their gods—whether on high mountains or hills or under leafy green trees. <sup>3</sup> Rip down their altars and shatter their sacred stones. Burn their sacred poles with fire. Hack their gods' idols into pieces. Wipe out their names from that place.

<sup>4</sup> Don't act like they did toward the LORD your God!

<sup>5</sup> Instead, you must search for the location the LORD your God will select from all your tribes to put his name there, as his residence, and you must go there. <sup>6</sup> You must bring

your entirely burned offerings, your sacrifices, your tenth-part gifts, your contributions, your payments for solemn promises, your spontaneous gifts, and the oldest offspring of your herds and flocks to that place. <sup>7</sup> You will have a feast there, each of you and your families, in the LORD your God's presence, and you will celebrate all you have done because the LORD your God has blessed you.

<sup>8</sup> Don't act like we've been acting here lately—everyone doing what seems right to them—<sup>9</sup> because up to this point you haven't yet reached the place of rest or the inheritance the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>10</sup> But you are about to cross the Jordan River and will settle in the land the LORD your God is giving you as your inheritance. Then he will give you rest from all your enemies on every side so that you live safely and securely. <sup>11</sup> At that point, you must bring all that I am commanding you, your entirely burned offerings, your sacrifices, your tenth-part gifts, your contributions, and all your best payments that you solemnly promised to the LORD, to the location the LORD your God selects for his name to reside. <sup>12</sup> Then you will rejoice in the LORD your God's presence: each of you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites who dwell in your cities because they have no designated inheritance.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* [Psalm 45 \(A wedding song\)](#) NRSV

***You love righteousness and hate wickedness.***

***Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.***

<sup>1</sup> My heart overflows with a goodly theme;  
I address my verses to the king;  
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

<sup>2</sup> You are the most handsome of men;  
grace is poured upon your lips;  
therefore God has blessed you forever.

<sup>3</sup> Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,  
in your glory and majesty.

<sup>4</sup> In your majesty ride on victoriously  
for the cause of truth and to defend the right;  
let your right hand teach you dread deeds.

<sup>5</sup> Your arrows are sharp

in the heart of the king's enemies;  
the peoples fall under you.

<sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

<sup>7</sup> you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

<sup>8</sup> your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and  
cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

<sup>9</sup> daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;  
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;  
forget your people and your father's house,

<sup>11</sup> and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him;

<sup>12</sup> the people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,  
the richest of the people <sup>13</sup> with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven  
robes;

<sup>14</sup> in many-colored robes she is led to the king;  
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

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<sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.

<sup>16</sup> In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;  
you will make them princes in all the earth.

<sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be celebrated in all  
generations;  
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

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

***You love righteousness and hate wickedness.***

***Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.***

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\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Luke 17:11-19 CEB

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the  
border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a  
village, ten men with skin diseases approached him.  
Keeping their distance from him, <sup>13</sup> they raised their voices  
and said, “Jesus, Master, show us mercy!”

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves  
to the priests.” As they left, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> One of  
them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned  
and praised God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He fell on his face at  
Jesus’ feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Weren’t ten cleansed? Where are the  
other nine? <sup>18</sup> No one returned to praise God except this  
foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go.  
Your faith has healed you.”

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;**

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**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: Reinhold Niebuhr**

Arguably among the most influential Christians of the twentieth century, Reinhold Niebuhr was a pastor, professor, and Christian ethicist whose teaching and writing touched the lives of generations of theological students. Born in Wright City, Missouri, the son of a liberal German Evangelical pastor, Niebuhr originally intended to follow his father's footsteps into pastoral ministry. To that end he attended Elmhurst College in Illinois, Eden Seminary in St. Louis, and Yale University. He received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Yale in 1914, and was ordained in 1915. Following ordination, the young Niebuhr became pastor of a German Evangelical congregation in Detroit, Michigan. During his pastorate he found himself immersed in the plight of workers on the assembly lines of the fledgling automobile industry. He came to believe that working conditions on the assembly line reduced human beings to cogs in a machine. Consequently he became an outspoken critic of the labor practices of the industry.

\* 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: Reinhold Niebuhr**

God our Teacher, from whom comes all true knowledge: So bind your words to our lives and write them on the tablets of our hearts, that we may not be swayed by false winds; and grant us faithful guides like your servant Reinhold Niebuhr, that our path to you be made straight and sure 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

\* **PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS**

***O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those we lift today, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that with health being renewed, all may***

***bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

\* PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

***O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR TOWNS and RURAL AREAS

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas especially here in Atlantic County; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. ***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

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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**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**Amen.**



## Morning Prayer

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