

Wednesday, May 12, 2021:

*Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57*

* **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:

***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

* **1st READING: Baruch 3:24-37** CEB

²⁴ Israel, how great is God's house
and spacious is God's domain!

²⁵ It is great and has no end;
it is high and immeasurable!

²⁶ The giants were born there,
the famous ones
from the beginning of time,
who were very large
and experts in war.

²⁷ God didn't select them or give them
the way of true knowledge.

²⁸ So they perished
because they didn't have Wisdom;
they perished
through their carelessness.

²⁹ Who went into heaven, took Wisdom,
and brought her down from the clouds?

³⁰ Who crossed over to the other side of the sea and
found her,
and who will bring her back
with choice gold?

³¹ No one knows the road she takes
or thinks much about
the path she travels.

³² But the one who knows all things
knows her;
God found her by his understanding;
the one who made the earth
for time eternal,

and filled it with four-footed animals;
³³ the one who sends the light
and it shines forth;
who called it
and it obeyed him with trembling.

³⁴ The stars shone at their appointed posts and were
delighted.
God called them,
and the stars said, "Here we are."
They shone joyfully

for the one who made them.

³⁵ This is our God.

No other will be compared to him.

³⁶ God discovered every way of knowledge

and gave her to his child Jacob,

to Israel, whom he loved.

³⁷ After this, she appeared on the earth

and lived among humans.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* **PSALM 119:97-120** NRSV

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

for it is always with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,

for your decrees are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged,

for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,

in order to keep your word.

¹⁰² I do not turn away from your ordinances,

for you have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;

therefore I hate every false way.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,

to observe your righteous ordinances.

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;

give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,

and teach me your ordinances.

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,

but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,

but I do not stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever;

they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes

forever, to the end.

¹¹³ I hate the double-minded,
but I love your law.
¹¹⁴ You are my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in your word.
¹¹⁵ Go away from me, you evildoers,
that I may keep the commandments of my God.
¹¹⁶ Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live,
and let me not be put to shame in my hope.
¹¹⁷ Hold me up, that I may be safe
and have regard for your statutes continually.
¹¹⁸ You spurn all who go astray from your statutes;
for their cunning is in vain.
¹¹⁹ All the wicked of the earth you count as dross;
therefore I love your decrees.
¹²⁰ My flesh trembles for fear of you,
and I am afraid of your judgments.

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **WORD:** Luke 12:22-31 CEB

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you will eat, or about

your body, what you will wear. ²³ There is more to life than food and more to the body than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither plant nor harvest, they have no silo or barn, yet God feeds them. You are worth so much more than birds! ²⁵ Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? ²⁶ If you can't do such a small thing, why worry about the rest? ²⁷ Notice how the lilies grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, how much more will God do for you, you people of weak faith! ²⁹ Don't chase after what you will eat and what you will drink. Stop worrying. ³⁰ All the nations of the world long for these things. Your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, desire his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well.

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*.

* **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:** Lee Su-jöng

His short essay confessing the Christian faith was publicized on May 12th in 1883, when the All Japan Christian Conference was convened at the Shing-Ei Church in Tokyo. Lee Su-jöng's confession is the first documented written confession of a Korean Christian. Because the confession contains his own understanding of the essentials of Christian teaching which was based on his reading of the Bible written in Chinese, we can observe the peculiar Korean understanding of the essentials of Christian teaching and the relationship between accumulated living Korean religious traditions and Christianity.

Lee Su-jöng translated the Bible into a Chino-Korean version. At first, he translated the Four Gospels and Acts, and published them in 1884. One year later, his Gospel of Mark was the one which Underwood and Appenzeller (American missionaries) carried with them when they first came to Korea. Appenzeller also carried a Methodist catechism that Lee Su-jöng had translated into Korean while in Japan.

* 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:** Lee Su-jöng

Holy and merciful God, in your love for the world you raised Lee Su-jöng to be an evangelist, a herald of the good news: strengthen and guide those entrusted with the proclamation of your Word that as they make known your redeeming love we may heed and receive their glad

tidings, 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 THOSE WE LOVE

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* PRAYERS FOR THE ANSWERING OF PRAYER

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We ask you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* EASTER SEASON INTERCESSION

O God, our sovereign, our banquet, our crown: In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us into your palace. Train us to be heirs to your throne, that we may shield the needy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Alleluia.

* **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, 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**

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**”

Morning Prayer

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