

Friday, June 11, 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** - *The First Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be a-fraid.  
***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-fense,  
and he will be my Savior.***  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of sal-vation.

***And on that day you shall say,***

***Give thanks to the Lord and call u-pon his Name;***  
Make his deeds known a-mong the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is ex-*alted.*  
***Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great  
things, and this is known in all the world.***  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:2-6

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

***Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy  
thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which  
no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no  
unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us  
also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you,  
diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a  
faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

(SAINT THOMAS, ITALY, 13TH CENT.)

\* **WORD: Sirach 45:6-16** CEB

<sup>6</sup> The Lord exalted Aaron,  
a holy person like Moses,  
his brother from the tribe of Levi.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord established  
an eternal covenant with him  
and gave him the priesthood  
of the people.

He blessed Aaron with dignity,  
and wrapped him in a glorious cloak.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord clothed him  
with unrivaled praise,  
and honored him  
with objects of power—  
leggings, a full-length robe,  
and the priestly vest.

<sup>9</sup> He encircled Aaron with pomegranates,  
with a great number of gold bells  
all around,  
in order to create a sound  
when he stepped,  
to make a sound that would be heard  
in the temple,  
as a reminder for the children

of the Lord's people.

<sup>10</sup> He clothed Aaron with the priestly vest,  
with gold, blue, and purple,  
the work of an embroiderer,  
with the oracle of judgment  
for making the truth known;

<sup>11</sup> with braided scarlet,  
the work of a craftsman;  
with the precious stones  
of an engraved seal  
in a gold setting,  
the work of a jeweler,  
as a memorial in engraved writing  
according to the number  
of the tribes of Israel.

<sup>12</sup> He set a gold crown  
upon his turban,  
carved with a sacred seal,  
an item worthy of praise,  
a work of strength,  
desirable objects to look at,  
richly adorned.

<sup>13</sup> Before Aaron, such beautiful things  
had not existed.

No stranger will ever wear them,

but only his sons and his descendants  
for all time.

<sup>14</sup> His sacrifices will be entirely burned up  
twice daily, for all time.

<sup>15</sup> Moses ordained Aaron  
and anointed him with holy oil;  
it became an everlasting covenant  
for him  
and for his descendants  
for as long as heaven lasts,  
to minister to God,  
to be a priest at the same time,  
and to bless his people in his name.

<sup>16</sup> Moses chose him  
out of all who were alive  
to offer fruitful sacrifices to the Lord,  
incense and a pleasing aroma  
as a remembrance,  
to secure reconciliation for the people.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* [Psalm 69:1-23, 31-38](#) NRSV

***O God, you know my folly;***

***the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.***

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God,  
for the waters have come up to my neck.

<sup>2</sup> I sink in deep mire,  
where there is no foothold;  
I have come into deep waters,  
and the flood sweeps over me.

<sup>3</sup> I am weary with my crying;  
my throat is parched.  
My eyes grow dim  
with waiting for my God.

<sup>4</sup> More in number than the hairs of my head  
are those who hate me without cause;  
many are those who would destroy me,  
my enemies who accuse me falsely.

What I did not steal  
must I now restore?

<sup>5</sup> O God, you know my folly;  
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

<sup>6</sup> Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because  
of me,

O Lord GOD of hosts;  
do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me,

O God of Israel.

- <sup>7</sup> It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,  
that shame has covered my face.
- <sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.
- <sup>9</sup> It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;  
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.
- <sup>10</sup> When I humbled my soul with fasting,  
they insulted me for doing so.
- <sup>11</sup> When I made sackcloth my clothing,  
I became a byword to them.
- <sup>12</sup> I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- <sup>13</sup> But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.  
At an acceptable time, O God,  
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.
- With your faithful help <sup>14</sup> rescue me  
from sinking in the mire;  
let me be delivered from my enemies  
and from the deep waters.
- <sup>15</sup> Do not let the flood sweep over me,  
or the deep swallow me up,  
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

- <sup>16</sup> Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
- <sup>17</sup> Do not hide your face from your servant,  
for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.
- <sup>18</sup> Draw near to me, redeem me,  
set me free because of my enemies.
- <sup>19</sup> You know the insults I receive,  
and my shame and dishonor;  
my foes are all known to you.
- <sup>20</sup> Insults have broken my heart,  
so that I am in despair.  
I looked for pity, but there was none;  
and for comforters, but I found none.
- <sup>21</sup> They gave me poison for food,  
and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
- <sup>22</sup> Let their table be a trap for them,  
a snare for their allies.
- <sup>23</sup> Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,  
and make their loins tremble continually.  
This will please the LORD more than an ox  
or a bull with horns and hoofs.
- <sup>32</sup> Let the oppressed see it and be glad;  
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

<sup>33</sup> For the LORD hears the needy,  
and does not despise his own that are in bonds.

<sup>34</sup> Let heaven and earth praise him,  
the seas and everything that moves in them.

<sup>35</sup> For God will save Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah;  
and his servants shall live there and possess it;

<sup>36</sup> the children of his servants shall inherit it,  
and those who love his name shall live in it.

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

***O God, you know my folly;  
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **WORD: Luke 19:41-48** CEB

<sup>41</sup> As Jesus came to the city and observed it, he wept over it.

<sup>42</sup> He said, "If only you knew on this of all days the things that  
lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes.

<sup>43</sup> The time will come when your enemies will build  
fortifications around you, encircle you, and attack you from  
all sides. <sup>44</sup> They will crush you completely, you and the

people within you. They won't leave one stone on top of  
another within you, because you didn't recognize the time of  
your gracious visit from God."

<sup>45</sup> When Jesus entered the temple, he threw out those who  
were selling things there. <sup>46</sup> He said to them, "It's written, *My  
house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a  
hideout for crooks.*"

<sup>47</sup> Jesus was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests,  
the legal experts, and the foremost leaders among the  
people were seeking to kill him. <sup>48</sup> However, they couldn't  
find a way to do it because all the people were enthralled  
with what they heard.

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

\* **COMMEMORATION: Barnabas**

Originally named Joseph, Barnabas was a native of the island of Cyprus and a Jew of the tribe of Levi who, along

with Paul, came to be one of the chief supporters of the missionary work to the Gentiles. He is first mentioned in Acts as an example of the New Testament church's communal ethic: he sold a field he owned and contributed the proceeds to the support of the Jerusalem community. For such generosity (or perhaps for his preaching ministry), the apostles gave him the name Barnabas which means, "son of encouragement" (Acts 4: 36-37), a name whose suitability would be proven many times.

\* 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: Barnabas**

God of Grace, who showers down righteousness and causes salvation to spring up upon the earth: Help us, like Barnabas, to deal generously and justly with others so that we might be like him, full of the Spirit and of faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\* For All the Saints

#### \* FOR A SICK PERSON

***O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask you to recognize, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to live the remainder of their lives in your awe, and to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### \* PRAYERS FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

***O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### \* PRAYER FOR THE AGED

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for

them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of 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 FOR FRIDAY**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep

peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

\* **COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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**

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**

## Morning Prayer

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