

Friday, June 18, 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: 1 Samuel 3:1-21** CEB

Now the boy Samuel was serving the LORD under Eli. The LORD's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. <sup>2</sup> One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. <sup>3</sup> God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's chest was.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said.

<sup>5</sup> Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did.

<sup>6</sup> Again the LORD called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down."

(<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel didn't yet know the LORD, and the LORD's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

<sup>8</sup> A third time the LORD called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

Then Eli realized that it was the LORD who was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been.

<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle! <sup>12</sup> On that day, I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household—every last bit of it! <sup>13</sup> I told him that I would punish his family forever because of the wrongdoing he knew about—how his sons were cursing God, but he wouldn't stop them. <sup>14</sup> Because of that I swore about Eli's household that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering."

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning, then opened the doors of the LORD's house. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

<sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel, saying: "Samuel, my son!"

"I'm here," Samuel said.

<sup>17</sup> "What did he say to you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide anything from me. May God deal harshly with you and worse still if you hide from me a single word from everything he said to you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

"He is the LORD," Eli said. "He will do as he pleases."

<sup>19</sup> So Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not allowing any of his words to fail. <sup>20</sup> All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was trustworthy as the LORD's prophet. <sup>21</sup> The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh because the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh through the LORD's own word.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* [Psalm 88](#) NRSV

***O LORD, God of my salvation,  
at night, I cry out in your presence.***

O LORD, God of my salvation,  
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,

<sup>2</sup> let my prayer come before you;  
incline your ear to my cry.

<sup>3</sup> For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.

<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;  
I am like those who have no help,

<sup>5</sup> like those forsaken among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,

like those whom you remember no more,

for they are cut off from your hand.

<sup>6</sup> You have put me in the depths of the Pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.

<sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> You have caused my companions to shun me;  
you have made me a thing of horror to them.

I am shut in so that I cannot escape;

<sup>9</sup> my eye grows dim through sorrow.

Every day I call on you, O LORD;

I spread out my hands to you.

<sup>10</sup> Do you work wonders for the dead?

Do the shades rise up to praise you? *Selah*

<sup>11</sup> Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,  
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?

<sup>12</sup> Are your wonders known in the darkness,  
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?

<sup>13</sup> But I, O LORD, cry out to you;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

<sup>14</sup> O LORD, why do you cast me off?  
Why do you hide your face from me?

<sup>15</sup> Wretched and close to death from my youth up,  
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.

<sup>16</sup> Your wrath has swept over me;

your dread assaults destroy me.

<sup>17</sup> They surround me like a flood all day long;

from all sides they close in on me.

<sup>18</sup> You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;

my companions are in darkness.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,

one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***O LORD, God of my salvation,***

***at night, I cry out in your presence.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **WORD: Luke 21:5-19** CEB

<sup>5</sup> Some people were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and ornaments dedicated to God. Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>“As for the things you are admiring, the time is coming when not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.”

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? What sign will show that these things are about to happen?”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus said, “Watch out that you aren’t deceived. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m the one!’ and ‘It’s time!’ Don’t follow them. <sup>9</sup>When you hear of wars and rebellions, don’t

be alarmed. These things must happen first, but the end won’t happen immediately.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes and wide-scale food shortages and epidemics. There will also be terrifying sights and great signs in the sky. <sup>12</sup> But before all this occurs, they will take you into custody and harass you because of your faith. They will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will provide you with an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> Make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance. <sup>15</sup> I’ll give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to counter or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed by your parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends. They will execute some of you. <sup>17</sup> Everyone will hate you because of my name. <sup>18</sup> Still, not a hair on your heads will be lost. <sup>19</sup> By holding fast, you will gain your lives.

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: Matthew Simpson** (1884)

For twenty years preceding and following the Civil War, through the offices of itinerant preacher, college professor, president of Indiana Asbury University (DePauw), Western Christian Advocate editor, Methodist Episcopal Church Bishop, and advisor and associate of four U.S. Presidential administrations, Matthew Simpson was arguably the best known and most loved man in American Methodism.

Born June 21, 1811 in Cadez, Ohio, Simpson's home was often a night stopover for traveling Methodist ministers. According to town stories, one particular traveling preacher, Francis Asbury, performed the infant Matthew's baptism.

Simpson's mother and uncle taught him that he was a Child of Providence. What they meant, never revealing to Simpson until he had discerned his vocational call, was that as a newborn infant he had been consecrated to God in the hope of someday becoming a Christian minister. When consulting his mother for advice on entering the ordained ministry, she responded, "My son, I have been looking for this hour since the very hour you were born."

\* 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: Matthew Simpson**

Good Shepherd of the flock, we thank you for faithful bishops, pastors, and abbatial leaders like Matthew Simpson who teach and defend the faith. By your Word call them from maintenance to mission, from ease to vision, and from fear to courageous leadership. **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.***

\* PRAYER FOR the President of the United States  
and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

\* FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; 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 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

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your

truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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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