

Friday, June 25, 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 afraid.  
***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.***  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.

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

***Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;***  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
***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 9:1-14** CEB

There was a wealthy man from the tribe of Benjamin named Kish. He was the son of Abiel son of Zeror son of Becorath son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite. <sup>2</sup> He had a son named Saul, who was a handsome young man. No one in Israel was more handsome than Saul, and he stood head and shoulders above everyone else.

<sup>3</sup> When the donkeys belonging to Saul's father Kish were lost, Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the servant boys with you and go look for the donkeys." <sup>4</sup> So he traveled through the highlands of Ephraim and the land of Shalishah, but they didn't find anything. They traveled through the land of Shaalim, but still found nothing, so they crossed back into the land of Benjamin, but they still couldn't find the donkeys.

<sup>5</sup> When they came to the territory of Zuph, Saul said to the boy who was with him, "Let's go back before my father stops worrying about the donkeys and starts worrying about us."

<sup>6</sup> But the boy said to him, "Listen, there's a man of God in this town. He's famous—everything he says actually happens! So let's go there. Maybe he'll be able to tell us which way we should go."

<sup>7</sup> Saul said to his young boy, "But if we go, what should we bring to the man? The food in our bags is all gone. We don't

have any gift to offer the man of God. Do we have anything?"

<sup>8</sup> "Here," the boy answered Saul, "I've got a quarter-shekel of silver. I'll give that to the man of God so he tells us which way to go." (<sup>9</sup> Earlier in Israel, someone going to consult with God would say, "Let's go to the seer," because the people who are called prophets today were previously called seers.)

<sup>10</sup> Saul said to the boy, "Great idea! Let's go." So they went into the town where the man of God lived. <sup>11</sup> They were going up the hill to the town when they met some young women coming out to draw water. "Is the seer here?" they asked them.

<sup>12</sup> "He's just ahead of you," they answered. "Hurry up! He has just come to town because there is a sacrifice today for the people at the shrine. <sup>13</sup> You'll find him as soon as you enter the town, before he goes up to the shrine to eat. The people won't eat until he gets there, because he must bless the sacrifice. Only after that can the invited guests eat. Now get going because you'll find him momentarily."

<sup>14</sup> So Saul and the boy went up to the town, and as they entered it, suddenly Samuel came toward them on his way up to the shrine.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* [Psalm 102:15-28](#) NRSV

***Incline your ear to me;***

***answer me speedily in the day when I call.***

- <sup>15</sup> The nations will fear the name of the LORD,  
and all the kings of the earth your glory.
- <sup>16</sup> For the LORD will build up Zion;  
he will appear in his glory.
- <sup>17</sup> He will regard the prayer of the destitute,  
and will not despise their prayer.
- <sup>18</sup> Let this be recorded for a generation to come,  
so that a people yet unborn may praise the LORD:
- <sup>19</sup> that he looked down from his holy height,  
from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
- <sup>20</sup> to hear the groans of the prisoners,  
to set free those who were doomed to die;
- <sup>21</sup> so that the name of the LORD may be declared in Zion,  
and his praise in Jerusalem,
- <sup>22</sup> when peoples gather together,  
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.
- <sup>23</sup> He has broken my strength in midcourse;  
he has shortened my days.
- <sup>24</sup> “O my God,” I say, “do not take me away  
at the midpoint of my life,

you whose years endure  
throughout all generations.”

<sup>25</sup> Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

<sup>26</sup> They will perish, but you endure;  
they will all wear out like a garment.

You change them like clothing, and they pass away;

<sup>27</sup> but you are the same, and your years have no end.

<sup>28</sup> The children of your servants shall live secure;  
their offspring shall be established in your presence.

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

***Incline your ear to me;***

***answer me speedily in the day when I call.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **WORD: Luke 22:31-38** CEB

<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, look! Satan has asserted the right to sift you all like wheat. <sup>32</sup> However, I have prayed for you that your faith won’t fail. When you have returned, strengthen your brothers and sisters.”

<sup>33</sup> Peter responded, “Lord, I’m ready to go with you, both to prison and to death!”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster won’t crow today before you have denied three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “When I sent you out without a wallet, bag, or sandals, you didn’t lack anything, did you?”

They said, “Nothing.”

<sup>36</sup> Then he said to them, “But now, whoever has a wallet must take it, and likewise a bag. And those who don’t own a sword must sell their clothes and buy one. <sup>37</sup> I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in relation to me: *And he was counted among criminals.* Indeed, what’s written about me is nearing completion.”

<sup>38</sup> They said to him, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

He replied, “Enough of that!”

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

\* **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Let us pray: (*stop and pray for those on your heart today*)

\* 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 THE CONGREGATION

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven  
and earth, hear our prayers for this fellowship family.  
Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the

penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* PRAYER FOR IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

***O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; 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

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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

A ministry of the faithful at  
Elwood United Methodist Church

Unless otherwise noted, prayers used in morning prayer recordings are from the *Book of Common Prayer* under public domain.

All biographical information and prayers cited \* **For All the Saints** are;  
“Reprinted from *For All the Saints: A Calendar of Commemorations for United Methodists*, 2nd edition, editor Heather Josselyn-Cranson, © 2013 by the Order of Saint Luke. Used by permission.”

All prayers cited \* **OSL** are;  
“Reprinted from *The Book of OFFICES and SERVICES of The Order of Saint Luke*, © 2012 by The Order of Saint Luke. Used by permission of OSL Publications.”

All collects cited \* **Holy Women, Holy Men** are reprinted from  
*Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*  
Copyright © 2010 by The Church Pension Fund

All collects cited \* **Lesser Feasts and Fasts** are reprinted from  
*Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006*  
Copyright © 2010 by The Church Pension Fund