

Saturday, June 12, 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 OF WISDOM**

Wisdom has built her house, setting up seven pillars.
She has prepared the food and wine and set her table.

***She has sent out her servants
to call out from the Heights above the city:***

“Let those who want enlightenment come.
Come, taste my bread and drink my spiced wine.

***Give up your foolishness and live,
And walk the path of understanding.”***

If you are wise, your reward is wisdom;
If you teach the just, they grow in understanding.

***Wisdom begins with reverence for God,
and knowledge of the holy one is insight.***

* OSL

* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

***New every morning is your love, great God of light,
and all day long you are working for good in the
world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live
peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day
to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.***

* **1st READING:** Sirach 46:1-10 CEB

Joshua, Nun's son,
was powerful in battle,
and he was Moses' successor
in prophecy.
As his name suggests,
he was mighty
to deliver the Lord's chosen ones,
and to take revenge on enemies
when they rose against them,
so that he might give Israel
an inheritance.

² How glorious he was
when he raised his hands
and when he extended his sword
against cities!

³ Who among those who came before
stood as he did?

Indeed, he fought the Lord's wars.

⁴ Wasn't the sun restrained by his hand,
and one day lasted for two?

⁵ He called upon the Most High,
the mighty one,

when his enemies pressed in on him

from every side,
and the great Lord responded to him
with hailstones of mighty power.

⁶ He rushed headlong against a nation
in battle,

and on a hill he destroyed those
who opposed him,

so that the nations might know
how well-equipped he was,
because his war was fought
in the Lord's presence.

Indeed, he was a follower
of the mighty one.

⁷ In the days of Moses
he performed acts of mercy,
he and Caleb, Jephunneh's son.

They opposed the congregation,
restrained the people from sin,
and put an end
to their wicked grumbling.

⁸ So out of six hundred thousand soldiers,
the two were spared to lead the people into their
inheritance,
into a land full of milk and honey.

⁹ The Lord gave Caleb strength,
and it remained with him
until he was old,
so that he went up to the highlands,
and his descendants had it
as an inheritance.

¹⁰ In this way, all the Israelites
could see that it is a good thing
to follow the Lord.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **Psalm 75** NRSV

***We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks; your name is near.***

¹ We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks; your name is near.
People tell of your wondrous deeds.

² At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.

³ When the earth totters, with all its inhabitants,
it is I who keep its pillars steady. *Selah*

⁴ I say to the boastful, "Do not boast,"
and to the wicked, "Do not lift up your horn;

⁵ do not lift up your horn on high,
or speak with insolent neck."

⁶ For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up;

⁷ but it is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

⁸ For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup
with foaming wine, well mixed;

he will pour a draught from it,
and all the wicked of the earth
shall drain it down to the dregs.

⁹ But I will rejoice forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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

***We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks; your name is near.***

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **WORD:** Luke 20:1-8 CEB

20 On one of the days when Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests, legal experts, and elders approached him.

² They said, "Tell us: What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

³ He replied, "I have a question for you. Tell me: ⁴ Was John's baptism of heavenly or of human origin?"

⁵ They discussed among themselves, "If we say, 'It's of heavenly origin,' he'll say, 'Why didn't you believe him?'

⁶ But if we say, 'It's of human origin,' all the people will stone us to death because they are convinced that John was a prophet." ⁷ They answered that they didn't know where it came from.

⁸ Then Jesus replied, "Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things."

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*.

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **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)*

* PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

*Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort
and relieve your sick servants, and give your power*

of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

* FOR ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

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**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Amen!

Morning Prayer

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