Thursday, June 17, 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.

PSALM 90:14

* MORNING CANTICLE OF JOY

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD is God; the LORD has made us, and we belong to the One who created us;

we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;
go into God's courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon God's Name.

For the LORD is good;
God's mercy is everlasting;
and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 100

* MORNING PRAYER

Dawn from on high,

The Holy One* be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Your light illumines all our days.

Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.

Be merciful in us for the sake of others. Make us fearless when confronting injustice and need, that we may give you glory in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

* For All the Saints

* 1st READING: 1 Samuel 2:27-36 CEB

Now a man of God came to Eli and said, "This is what the LORD says: I revealed myself very clearly to your father's household when they were slaves in Egypt to the house of Pharaoh. ²⁸ I chose your father from all of Israel's tribes to be my priest, to go up onto my altar, to burn incense, and to wear the priestly vest in my presence. I also gave all of the Israelites' food offerings to your father's household. ²⁹ Why then do you kick my sacrifices and my offerings the very ones I commanded for my dwelling place? Why do you respect your sons more than me, getting fat off the best parts of every offering from my people Israel? ³⁰ Because of all that, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: I had promised that your household and your father's household would serve me forever. But now—this is what the LORD declares: I'll do no such thing! No. I honor those who honor me, and whoever despises me will be cursed. 31 The days are coming soon when I will eliminate both your children and the children of your father's household. There won't be an old person left in your family tree. ³² You'll see trouble in my dwelling place, though all will go well for Israel. But there will never be an old person in your family tree. ³³ One of your descendants whom I don't eliminate from serving at my altar will cry his

eyes out and be full of grief. Any descendants in your household will die by the sword. ³⁴ And what happens to your two sons Hophni and Phinehas will be a sign for you: they will both die on the same day. ³⁵ Then I will establish for myself a trustworthy priest who will act in accordance with my thoughts and desires. I will build a trustworthy household for him, and he will serve before my anointed one forever. ³⁶ Anyone left from your household will come and beg him for a bit of silver or a loaf of bread, saying: 'Please appoint me to some priestly duty so I can have a scrap of bread to eat."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

- * SILENCE FOR REFLECTION
- * Psalm 83 NRSV

Let them know that you alone,
whose name is the LORD,
are the Most High over all the earth.

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- ¹ O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God!
- ² Even now your enemies are in tumult; those who hate you have raised their heads.
- ³ They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against those you protect.
- ⁴ They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more."
- ⁵ They conspire with one accord; against you they make a covenant—
- ⁶ the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites,
- ⁷ Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
- 8 Assyria also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Selah
- ⁹ Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the Wadi Kishon,
- who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground.
- ¹¹ Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,
- ¹² who said, "Let us take the pastures of God for our own possession."

- ¹³ O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind.
- ¹⁴ As fire consumes the forest, as the flame sets the mountains ablaze,
- ¹⁵ so pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your hurricane.
- ¹⁶ Fill their faces with shame, so that they may seek your name, O LORD.
- ¹⁷ Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; let them perish in disgrace.
- Let them know that you alone,whose name is the LORD,are the Most High over all the earth.

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

Let them know that you alone,
whose name is the LORD,
are the Most High over all the earth.

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* 2nd READING: Luke 20:41-21:4 CEB

The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right side ⁴³ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.' ⁴⁴ Since David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be David's son?" ⁴⁵ In the presence of all the people, Jesus said to his disciples, ⁴⁶ "Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They love being greeted with honor in the markets. They long for the places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. ⁴⁷ They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "Why do they say that the Christ is

David's son? ⁴² David himself says in the scroll of Psalms,

21 Looking up, Jesus saw rich people throwing their gifts into the collection box for the temple treasury. ² He also saw a poor widow throw in two small copper coins worth a penny. ³ He said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than them all. ⁴ All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had to live on."

they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

We bless you, Adonai, <u>God</u> of *Israel*, for you come to visit us and ransom <u>us</u> from *bondage*. You have brought forth a <u>strong</u> De-*liverer* in the house of <u>your</u> child *David*.

This is what your holy <u>prophets</u> an-nounced: deliverance from enemies and from the hand of <u>all</u> who hate *us*; mercy a-mong our *ancestors*, and remembrance of your <u>ho</u>-ly *covenant*.

This is the promise you swore

to our <u>an</u>-cestor, *Abraham*, to make us <u>un</u>-a-*fraid*, to rescue us <u>from</u> 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.

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Through your merciful compassions, <u>God</u> our *God*, the dawn from on <u>high</u> shall *visit us*, to shine on those kept in dungeons and the <u>shadows</u> of *death* and to guide our feet onto the <u>path</u> of *peace*.

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

* THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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)

* PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

* FOR PEACE

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. *Amen*.

* PRAYERS FOR CONGRESS

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We implore you so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled and in the Legislature of this State, that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; 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 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

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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**

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, will be ours who live in truth and love. *Amen.*

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