

Tuesday, Jun 15, 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.

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***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 PRAISE**

Come, let us sing to the Ho-ly One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-vation.
***Let us come before God's presence
with thanks-giving,*
and raise a loud shout with psalms.***

For you, O God, are a great God,*
you are great a-bove all gods.

***In your hand are the caverns of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills are yours also.***

The sea is yours, for you made it,*
and your hands have molded the dry land.
***Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,*
and kneel before God, our Maker.***

For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand.*
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

PSALM 95:1-7

*** MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:
***Almighty and everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are
restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such***

piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and, in your service, find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Augustine

* **1st READING: 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11** CEB

²¹ When Elkanah and all his household went up to make the annual sacrifice and keep his solemn promise,

²² Hannah didn't go.

"I'll bring the boy when he is weaned," she told her husband, "so he can be presented to the LORD and stay there permanently. I will offer him as a nazirite forever."

²³ "Do what seems best to you," said her husband Elkanah. "Stay here until you've weaned him. But may the LORD bring to pass what you've promised." So the woman stayed home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

²⁴ When he had been weaned and was still very young, Hannah took him, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a jar of wine, and brought him to the

LORD's house at Shiloh. ²⁵ They slaughtered the bull, then brought the boy to Eli.

²⁶ "Excuse me, sir!" Hannah said. "As surely as you live, sir, I am the woman who stood here next to you, praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this boy, and the LORD gave me what I asked from him. ²⁸ So now I give this boy back to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is given to the LORD."

Then they worshipped there before the LORD.

2 Then Hannah prayed:

My heart rejoices in the LORD.

My strength rises up in the LORD!

My mouth mocks my enemies

because I rejoice in your deliverance.

² No one is holy like the LORD—

no, no one except you!

There is no rock like our God!

³ Don't go on and on, talking so proudly,

spouting arrogance from your mouth,

because the LORD is the God who knows,

and he weighs every act.

⁴ The bows of mighty warriors are shattered,

but those who were stumbling now dress themselves in

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power!

⁵ Those who were filled full now sell themselves for bread,
but the ones who were starving are now fat from food!

The woman who was barren has birthed seven
children,
but the mother with many sons has lost them all!

⁶ The LORD!

He brings death, gives life,
takes down to the grave, and raises up!

⁷ The LORD!

He makes poor, gives wealth,
brings low, but also lifts up high!

⁸ God raises the poor from the dust,
lifts up the needy from the garbage pile.

God sits them with officials,
gives them the seat of honor!

The pillars of the earth belong to the LORD;
he set the world on top of them!

⁹ God guards the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked die in darkness
because no one succeeds by strength alone.

¹⁰ The LORD!

His enemies are terrified!
God thunders against them from heaven!

The LORD!

He judges the far corners of the earth!

May God give strength to his king
and raise high the strength of his anointed one.

¹¹ Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy served
the LORD under Eli the priest.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* [Psalm 78:1-39](#) NRSV

***He remembered that they were but flesh,
a wind that passes and does not come again.***

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³ things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation

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the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

⁵ He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;

⁶ that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,

⁷ so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

⁸ and that they should not be like their ancestors,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

***He remembered that they were but flesh,
a wind that passes and does not come again.***

⁹ The Ephraimites, armed with the bow,
turned back on the day of battle.

¹⁰ They did not keep God's covenant,
but refused to walk according to his law.

¹¹ They forgot what he had done,

and the miracles that he had shown them.

¹² In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.

¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.

¹⁵ He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

***He remembered that they were but flesh,
a wind that passes and does not come again.***

¹⁷ Yet they sinned still more against him,
rebellious against the Most High in the desert.

¹⁸ They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.

¹⁹ They spoke against God, saying,
"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"

²⁰ Even though he struck the rock so that water gushed
out and torrents overflowed,
can he also give bread, or provide meat for his people?"

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²¹ Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of rage;
a fire was kindled against Jacob,
his anger mounted against Israel,
²² because they had no faith in God,
and did not trust his saving power.
²³ Yet he commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven;
²⁴ he rained down on them manna to eat,
and gave them the grain of heaven.
²⁵ Mortals ate of the bread of angels;
he sent them food in abundance.
²⁶ He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,
and by his power he led out the south wind;
²⁷ he rained flesh upon them like dust,
winged birds like the sand of the seas;
²⁸ he let them fall within their camp,
all around their dwellings.
²⁹ And they ate and were well filled,
for he gave them what they craved.
³⁰ But before they had satisfied their craving,
while the food was still in their mouths,
³¹ the anger of God rose against them
and he killed the strongest of them,
and laid low the flower of Israel.

³² In spite of all this they still sinned;
they did not believe in his wonders.
³³ So he made their days vanish like a breath,
and their years in terror.
³⁴ When he killed them, they sought for him;
they repented and sought God earnestly.
³⁵ They remembered that God was their rock,
the Most High God their redeemer.
³⁶ But they flattered him with their mouths;
they lied to him with their tongues.
³⁷ Their heart was not steadfast toward him;
they were not true to his covenant.
³⁸ Yet he, being compassionate,
forgave their iniquity,
and did not destroy them;
often he restrained his anger,
and did not stir up all his wrath.
³⁹ He remembered that they were but flesh,
a wind that passes and does not come again.

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

***He remembered that they were but flesh,
a wind that passes and does not come again.***

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* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **2nd READING:** Luke 20:19-26 CEB

¹⁹ The legal experts and chief priests wanted to arrest him right then because they knew he had told this parable against them. But they feared the people.

²⁰ The legal experts and chief priests were watching Jesus closely and sent spies who pretended to be sincere. They wanted to trap him in his words so they could hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor.

²¹ They asked him, “Teacher, we know that you are correct in what you say and teach. You don’t show favoritism but teach God’s way as it really is. ²² Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

²³ Since Jesus recognized their deception, he said to them, ²⁴ “Show me a coin. Whose image and inscription does it have on it?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

²⁵ He said to them, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” ²⁶ They couldn’t

trap him in his words in front of the people. Astonished by his answer, they were speechless.

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*.

*** 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: Evelyn Underhill**

Writer, teacher, "artist of the infinite life," Evelyn Underhill was attuned to the spiritual yearning of her age and becomes a wise guide to us today.

Underhill's two central works among over four hundred writings, Mysticism (1911) and Worship (1936), are

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thoroughly researched expressions of life in God. Steeped in the Christian mystics early on, Underhill later came to know personally the mystic way of “the passionate longing of the soul for God ... loved, sought, and adored in Himself alone.”

In the ecumenical volume, Worship, Underhill integrated diverse historical and institutional dimensions of faith in the One who is to be adored. She had a strong incarnational bent, evident not only in this book, but in her appreciation of the natural world, her cats and flowers, and the beauty of great art.

* 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: Evelyn Underhill**

Holy Sophia, you have befriended us with Evelyn Underhill who waiting patiently beside your doors grew

rich in the knowledge of your ways and found in you an intimate friend. So teach all your children your way and your truth, that finding you we may find life. ***Amen.***

* For All the Saints

* PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those we lift today, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that with health being renewed, all may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly pray to you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. In the time of

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prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* FOR ALL PLACES AND PREDICAMENTS

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly earnestly request of you for all places and predicaments of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations.

More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate, that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. 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 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**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

Morning Prayer

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