

Thursday, July 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.***

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**

The Holy One\* be with you;

***And also with you.***

Let us pray:

***Dawn from on high,***

***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

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\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: 1 Samuel 20:24-42** NRSV

<sup>24</sup> So David hid himself in the field. When the new moon came, the king sat at the feast to eat. <sup>25</sup> The king sat upon his seat, as at other times, upon the seat by the wall. Jonathan stood, while Abner sat by Saul's side; but David's place was empty.

<sup>26</sup> Saul did not say anything that day; for he thought, "Something has befallen him; he is not clean, surely he is not clean." <sup>27</sup> But on the second day, the day after the new moon, David's place was empty. And Saul said to his son Jonathan, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to the feast, either yesterday or today?" <sup>28</sup> Jonathan answered Saul, "David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem; <sup>29</sup> he said, 'Let me go; for our family is holding a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to be there. So now, if I have found favor in your sight, let me get away, and see my brothers.' For this reason he has not come to the king's table."

<sup>30</sup> Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan. He said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? <sup>31</sup> For as long as the son of Jesse lives upon

the earth, neither you nor your kingdom shall be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die." <sup>32</sup> Then Jonathan answered his father Saul, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" <sup>33</sup> But Saul threw his spear at him to strike him; so Jonathan knew that it was the decision of his father to put David to death. <sup>34</sup> Jonathan rose from the table in fierce anger and ate no food on the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, and because his father had disgraced him.

<sup>35</sup> In the morning Jonathan went out into the field to the appointment with David, and with him was a little boy. <sup>36</sup> He said to the boy, "Run and find the arrows that I shoot." As the boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. <sup>37</sup> When the boy came to the place where Jonathan's arrow had fallen, Jonathan called after the boy and said, "Is the arrow not beyond you?" <sup>38</sup> Jonathan called after the boy, "Hurry, be quick, do not linger." So Jonathan's boy gathered up the arrows and came to his master. <sup>39</sup> But the boy knew nothing; only Jonathan and David knew the arrangement. <sup>40</sup> Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy and said to him, "Go and carry them to the city." <sup>41</sup> As soon as the boy had gone, David rose from beside the stone heap and prostrated himself with his face to the

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ground. He bowed three times, and they kissed each other, and wept with each other; David wept the more.

<sup>42</sup> Then Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, since both of us have sworn in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD shall be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants, forever.’” He got up and left; and Jonathan went into the city.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* [Psalm 37:1-18](#) NRSV

***Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.***

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

<sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

<sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

<sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

<sup>10</sup> Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not  
be there.

<sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

<sup>12</sup> The wicked plot against the righteous,  
and gnash their teeth at them;

<sup>13</sup> but the LORD laughs at the wicked,  
for he sees that their day is coming.

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<sup>14</sup> The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows  
to bring down the poor and needy,  
to kill those who walk uprightly;

<sup>15</sup> their sword shall enter their own heart,  
and their bows shall be broken.

<sup>16</sup> Better is a little that the righteous person has  
than the abundance of many wicked.

<sup>17</sup> For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,  
but the LORD upholds the righteous.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD knows the days of the blameless,  
and their heritage will abide forever;

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

***Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Mark 2:23 - 3:6** NRSV

<sup>23</sup> One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and  
as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads  
of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they

doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup> And he said to  
them, "Have you never read what David did when he and  
his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup> He  
entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest,  
and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful  
for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his  
companions." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, "The sabbath was  
made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath;  
<sup>28</sup> so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

**3** Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there  
who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup> They watched him to see  
whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they  
might accuse him. <sup>3</sup> And he said to the man who had the  
withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to them,  
"Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to  
save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup> He looked  
around at them with anger; he was grieved at their  
hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your  
hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.  
<sup>6</sup> The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with  
the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

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\* 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*

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***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 THE VICTIMS OF ADDICTION

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. ***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.***

\* FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you

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would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; 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**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have

grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.**

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\* **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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## Morning Prayer

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