

Tuesday, July 6, 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 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 15:24-35** CEV

²⁴ “I have sinned,” Saul admitted. “I disobeyed both you and the LORD. I was afraid of the army, and I listened to them instead. ²⁵ Please forgive me and come back with me so I can worship the LORD.”

²⁶ “No!” Samuel replied, “You disobeyed the LORD, and I won’t go back with you. Now the LORD has said that you can’t be king of Israel any longer.”

²⁷ As Samuel turned to go, Saul grabbed the edge of Samuel’s robe. It tore! ²⁸ Samuel said, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel away from you today, and he will give it to someone who is better than you. ²⁹ Besides, the eternal God of Israel isn’t a human being. He doesn’t tell lies or change his mind.”

³⁰ Saul said, “I did sin, but please honor me in front of the leaders of the army and the people of Israel. Come back with me, so I can worship the LORD your God.”

³¹ Samuel followed Saul back, and Saul worshiped the LORD. ³² Then Samuel shouted, “Bring me King Agag of Amalek!”

Agag came in chains, and he was saying to himself, “Surely they won’t kill me now.”

³³ But Samuel said, “Agag, you have snatched children from their mothers’ arms and killed them. Now your mother will be without children.” Then Samuel chopped Agag to pieces at the place of worship in Gilgal.

³⁴ Samuel went home to Ramah, and Saul returned to his home in Gibeah. ³⁵ Even though Samuel felt sad about Saul, Samuel never saw him again.

The LORD was sorry he had made Saul the king of Israel.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

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* [Psalm 6](#) NRSV

***Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
O LORD, heal me,
for my soul also is struck with terror.***

- ¹ O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.
- ² Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
O LORD, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.
- ³ My soul also is struck with terror,
while you, O LORD—how long?
- ⁴ Turn, O LORD, save my life;
deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- ⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who can give you praise?
- ⁶ I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- ⁷ My eyes waste away because of grief;
they grow weak because of all my foes.
- ⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- ⁹ The LORD has heard my supplication;

the LORD accepts my prayer.

¹⁰ All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror;
they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.

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

***Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
O LORD, heal me,
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* **2nd READING:** **Luke 23:56b-24:11** CEV

⁵⁶ Then they went to prepare some sweet-smelling spices for his burial. But on the Sabbath they rested, as the Law of Moses commands.

24 Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices that they had prepared. ² When they found the stone rolled away from the entrance, ³ they went in. But they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus, ⁴ and they did not know what to think.

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Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, "Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive?" ⁶ Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death. Remember that while he was still in Galilee, he told you, ⁷ "The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail him to a cross. But three days later he will rise to life." ⁸ Then they remembered what Jesus had said.

⁹⁻¹⁰ Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and some other women were the ones who had gone to the tomb. When they returned, they told the eleven apostles and the others what had happened. ¹¹ The apostles thought it was all nonsense, and they would not believe.

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*.

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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: John Hus (1415)**

A fiery preacher in his native Czech language, Hus sometimes drew congregations of three thousand people. He fulminated against corruption in the medieval church. Hus saw the Holy Scriptures essentially as “Christ’s law” and urged priests, nobles, and common people to forsake worldliness and to live according to Christ’s law. [ccii] While Hus in this respect differed from the subsequent Protestant Reformation, his opposition to clerical abuses and the sale of indulgences, as well as his translation of the Scriptures into the Czech language earned him the title of “pre-Reformer.” Hus was partly influenced by the writings of John Wycliff (c. 1325-1384).

Hus’ refusal to stop preaching led to his excommunication in 1412. Summoned to the Council of Constance under imperial safe conduct, Hus was jailed and treated as a heretic. Refusing to recant heresies he did not hold, he died at the stake on July 6, 1415.

Bohemia thereupon rose up in rebellion. Never subjected by military force, Hus’ followers after 1458 were

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known as the Unity of the Bohemian Brethren, which in the eighteenth century became the spiritual ancestor to the Moravian church.

* 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:** John Hus (1415)

Purify us with your holy fire, O God, and send us prophets in our day like John Hus whose voice called for cleansing and honesty. Turn our hearts toward others in repentance. Refine our devotion and service to be pleasing to you as when we first loved you. For your mercy, we revere you, through Jesus, our redeemer. ***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 Prisons and Correctional Institutions

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remembering all prisoners, bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

* PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the

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homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we ask you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who have become family. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kind hearted one to another; 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 God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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:

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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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