

Monday, August 30, 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 THANKSGIVING**

It is good to give thanks to the *LORD*,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most *High*;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithful-ness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the *harp*,  
to the melody of the lyre.

**For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are ver-y deep!

Psalm 92:1-5

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Oh God, The Holy Spirit,  
come to us, and among us;  
come as the wind, and cleanse us;  
come as the fire, and burn;  
come as the dew, and refresh;  
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives  
to our great good and to your greater glory;  
and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

\* **WORD: 2 Chron. 6:32-7:7** NRSV

<sup>32</sup> "Likewise when foreigners, who are not of your people Israel, come from a distant land because of your great name,

and your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm, when they come and pray toward this house, <sup>33</sup> may you hear from heaven your dwelling place, and do whatever the foreigners ask of you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

<sup>34</sup> “If your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to you toward this city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, <sup>35</sup> then hear from heaven their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause.

<sup>36</sup> “If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to a land far or near; <sup>37</sup> then if they come to their senses in the land to which they have been taken captive, and repent, and plead with you in the land of their captivity, saying, ‘We have sinned, and have done wrong; we have acted wickedly’; <sup>38</sup> if they repent with all their heart and soul in the land of their captivity, to which they were taken captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their ancestors, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, <sup>39</sup> then hear from heaven your dwelling place their

prayer and their pleas, maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you. <sup>40</sup> Now, O my God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to prayer from this place.

<sup>41</sup> “Now rise up, O LORD God, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

Let your priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let your faithful rejoice in your goodness.

<sup>42</sup> O LORD God, do not reject your anointed one.

Remember your steadfast love for your servant David.”

7 When Solomon had ended his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> The priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD’s house. <sup>3</sup> When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying,

“For he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before the LORD. <sup>5</sup> King Solomon offered as a sacrifice twenty-two thousand oxen and one hundred twenty thousand sheep. So

the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

<sup>6</sup> The priests stood at their posts; the Levites also, with the instruments for music to the LORD that King David had made for giving thanks to the LORD—for his steadfast love endures forever—whenever David offered praises by their ministry. Opposite them the priests sounded trumpets; and all Israel stood.

<sup>7</sup> Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the LORD; for there he offered the burnt offerings and the fat of the offerings of well-being because the bronze altar Solomon had made could not hold the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat parts.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **Psalm 25** NRSV

***Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.***

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

<sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

<sup>12</sup> Who are they that fear the LORD?  
He will teach them the way that they should choose.

<sup>13</sup> They will abide in prosperity,  
and their children shall possess the land.

<sup>14</sup> The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,  
and he makes his covenant known to them.

<sup>15</sup> My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.

<sup>17</sup> Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.

<sup>18</sup> Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.

<sup>19</sup> Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

<sup>20</sup> O guard my life, and deliver me;  
do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

<sup>21</sup> May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for you.

<sup>22</sup> Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all its troubles.

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

***Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **WORD: Mark 14:53-65** NRSV

<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup> Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup> For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup> Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" <sup>59</sup> But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify

against you?”<sup>61</sup> But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of the Blessed One?”<sup>62</sup> Jesus said, “I am; and

‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

<sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup> Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

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

The Holy One be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Let us pray: *(stop and pray for those on your heart today)*

**\* PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO MOURN**

***Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with those deep in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\* PRAYER FOR PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\* PRAYERS FOR COURTS OF JUSTICE**

***Almighty God, who sits in the throne judging right: We humbly request you to bless the courts of justice and***

***the judges in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. 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**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in

us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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**

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always. **Amen**

## Morning Prayer

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