

Thursday, August 12, 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: 2 Samuel 15:1-18** NRSV

After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run ahead of him. <sup>2</sup> Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the road into the gate; and when anyone brought a suit before the king for judgment, Absalom would call out and say, "From what city are you?" When the person said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," <sup>3</sup> Absalom would say, "See, your claims are good and right; but there is no one deputed by the king to hear you." <sup>4</sup> Absalom said moreover, "If only I were judge in the land! Then all who had a suit or cause might come to me, and I would give them justice." <sup>5</sup> Whenever people came near to do obeisance to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of them, and kiss them. <sup>6</sup> Thus Absalom did to every Israelite who came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole the hearts of the people of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> At the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go to Hebron and pay the vow that I have made to the LORD. <sup>8</sup> For your servant made a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram: If the LORD will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will worship the LORD in Hebron." <sup>9</sup> The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he got up, and went to Hebron. <sup>10</sup> But Absalom sent secret

messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then shout: Absalom has become king at Hebron!" <sup>11</sup> Two hundred men from Jerusalem went with Absalom; they were invited guests, and they went in their innocence, knowing nothing of the matter. <sup>12</sup> While Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. The conspiracy grew in strength, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

<sup>13</sup> A messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the Israelites have gone after Absalom." <sup>14</sup> Then David said to all his officials who were with him at Jerusalem, "Get up! Let us flee, or there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Hurry, or he will soon overtake us, and bring disaster down upon us, and attack the city with the edge of the sword." <sup>15</sup> The king's officials said to the king, "Your servants are ready to do whatever our lord the king decides." <sup>16</sup> So the king left, followed by all his household, except ten concubines whom he left behind to look after the house. <sup>17</sup> The king left, followed by all the people; and they stopped at the last house. <sup>18</sup> All his officials passed by him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king.

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Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* [Psalm 105:1-22](#) NRSV

***He is the LORD our God;***

***his judgments are in all the earth.***

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

<sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

<sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.

<sup>8</sup> He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand  
generations,

<sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,

<sup>10</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

<sup>11</sup> saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."

<sup>12</sup> When they were few in number,  
of little account, and strangers in it,

<sup>13</sup> wandering from nation to nation,  
from one kingdom to another people,

<sup>14</sup> he allowed no one to oppress them;  
he rebuked kings on their account,

<sup>15</sup> saying, "Do not touch my anointed ones;  
do my prophets no harm."

<sup>16</sup> When he summoned famine against the land,  
and broke every staff of bread,

<sup>17</sup> he had sent a man ahead of them,  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

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<sup>18</sup> His feet were hurt with fetters,  
his neck was put in a collar of iron;  
<sup>19</sup> until what he had said came to pass,  
the word of the LORD kept testing him.  
<sup>20</sup> The king sent and released him;  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.  
<sup>21</sup> He made him lord of his house,  
and ruler of all his possessions,  
<sup>22</sup> to instruct his officials at his pleasure,  
and to teach his elders wisdom.

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

***He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Mark 10:32-45** NRSV

<sup>32</sup> They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve

aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup> saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; <sup>34</sup> they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.”

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup> They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to

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them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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.***

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***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 THE RIGHT USE OF GOD'S GIFTS

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN

***Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.***

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\* **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**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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**

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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