

Tuesday, August 24, 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

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: 1 Kings 1:38-2:4** NRSV

So the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and led him to Gihon. <sup>39</sup> There the priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" <sup>40</sup> And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

<sup>41</sup> Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard it as they finished feasting. When Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "Why is the city in an uproar?"

<sup>42</sup> While he was still speaking, Jonathan son of the priest Abiathar arrived. Adonijah said, "Come in, for you are a worthy man and surely you bring good news." <sup>43</sup> Jonathan

answered Adonijah, "No, for our lord King David has made Solomon king; <sup>44</sup> the king has sent with him the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and they had him ride on the king's mule; <sup>45</sup> the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan have anointed him king at Gihon; and they have gone up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you heard.

<sup>46</sup> Solomon now sits on the royal throne. <sup>47</sup> Moreover the king's servants came to congratulate our lord King David, saying, 'May God make the name of Solomon more famous than yours, and make his throne greater than your throne.' The king bowed in worship on the bed <sup>48</sup> and went on to pray thus, 'Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who today has granted one of my offspring to sit on my throne and permitted me to witness it.'"

<sup>49</sup> Then all the guests of Adonijah got up trembling and went their own ways. <sup>50</sup> Adonijah, fearing Solomon, got up and went to grasp the horns of the altar. <sup>51</sup> Solomon was informed, "Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; see, he has laid hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me first that he will not kill his servant with the sword.'" <sup>52</sup> So Solomon responded, "If he proves to be a worthy man, not one of his hairs shall fall to the

ground; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die.”

<sup>53</sup> Then King Solomon sent to have him brought down from the altar. He came to do obeisance to King Solomon; and Solomon said to him, “Go home.”

2 When David’s time to die drew near, he charged his son Solomon, saying: <sup>2</sup>“I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, be courageous, <sup>3</sup> and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his ordinances, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn.

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD will establish his word that he spoke concerning me: ‘If your heirs take heed to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you a successor on the throne of Israel.’

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **Psalm 5** NRSV

***Listen to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God, for to you I pray.***

<sup>1</sup> Give ear to my words, O LORD;  
give heed to my sighing.

<sup>2</sup> Listen to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God,  
for to you I pray.

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

<sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
evil will not sojourn with you.

<sup>5</sup> The boastful will not stand before your eyes;  
you hate all evildoers.

<sup>6</sup> You destroy those who speak lies;  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

<sup>7</sup> But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
will enter your house,  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
in awe of you.

<sup>8</sup> Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness  
because of my enemies;  
make your way straight before me.

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<sup>9</sup> For there is no truth in their mouths;  
their hearts are destruction;  
their throats are open graves;  
they flatter with their tongues.  
<sup>10</sup> Make them bear their guilt, O God;  
let them fall by their own counsels;  
because of their many transgressions cast them out,  
for they have rebelled against you.  
<sup>11</sup> But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy.  
Spread your protection over them,  
so that those who love your name may exult in you.  
<sup>12</sup> For you bless the righteous, O LORD;  
you cover them with favor as with a shield.  
Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Listen to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God, for to you I pray.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Mark 13:28-37 NRSV

<sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.  
<sup>32</sup> “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.  
<sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.  
<sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

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\* **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: Bartholomew**

The New Testament fails to offer any information concerning Bartholomew other than listing him among the Twelve chosen by Jesus (Mark 3: 18; Matt 10: 3; Luke 6: 14; Acts 1: 13). Since the ninth century attempts have been made to identify Bartholomew with Nathanael.

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Tradition stepped in to speak where the canon was silent. Legendary stories claims he made missionary journeys to India, Armenia, Phrygia, Lycaonia, Mesopotamia, and Persia. One such tradition is found in Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History, where the historian claims that Pantaenus (late 2nd c.) came to India from Alexandria and found there some who already knew Christ because,

“Bartholomew, one of the apostles had preached to them and had left the writing of Matthew in Hebrew letters, which was preserved until the time mentioned” (i.e., Pantaenus’s arrival).

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Finally, tradition claims that the apostle was martyred. Stories conflict, however, concerning the manner of his death: in one version he is flayed alive and then beheaded, in another crucified, and in yet another bound in a sack and cast into the sea.

\* 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: Bartholomew**

Like Bartholomew  
We, innumerable and unknown fools for Christ, remain  
with you, listening, watching, suffering.  
Refresh and strengthen us, Jesus,  
with food and drink from the table you host for us,  
now and in your eternal kingdom. ***Amen.***

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\* 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.***

\* FOR JOY IN GOD'S CREATION

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

***Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting***

***salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; 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.***

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\* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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**

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



## Morning Prayer

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