

Thursday, September 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.***

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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\* [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.

<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,

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<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

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: 1 Corinthians 9:1-15** NRSV

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen  
Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? <sup>2</sup> If I am  
not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are  
the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> This is my defense to those who would examine me.

<sup>4</sup> Do we not have the right to our food and drink? <sup>5</sup> Do we  
not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife  
as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and  
Cephas? <sup>6</sup> Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right  
to refrain from working for a living? <sup>7</sup> Who at any time pays

the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a  
vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a  
flock and does not get any of its milk?

<sup>8</sup> Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also  
say the same? <sup>9</sup> For it is written in the law of Moses, “You  
shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.” Is  
it for oxen that God is concerned? <sup>10</sup> Or does he not speak  
entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake,  
for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever  
threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. <sup>11</sup> If  
we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if  
we reap your material benefits? <sup>12</sup> If others share this  
rightful claim on you, do not we still more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we  
endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of  
the gospel of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Do you not know that those who  
are employed in the temple service get their food from the  
temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is  
sacrificed on the altar? <sup>14</sup> In the same way, the Lord  
commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should  
get their living by the gospel.

<sup>15</sup> But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I  
writing this so that they may be applied in my case.

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Indeed, I would rather die than that—no one will deprive me of my ground for boasting!

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Matthew 7:22-29** NRSV

<sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’

<sup>23</sup> Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’

<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like

a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

<sup>28</sup> Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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*,**

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**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

**\* PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,

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***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.***

\* A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, ***we thank you, Lord.***

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, ***we thank you, Lord.***

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, ***we thank you, Lord.***

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, ***we thank you, Lord.***

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, ***we thank you, Lord.***

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, ***we thank you, Lord.***

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, ***we thank you, Lord.***

For the communion of saints, in all times and places, ***we thank you, Lord.***

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***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.***

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***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 declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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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