

Monday, November 29, 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:

**New every morning is your love, great God of light,  
and all day long you are working for good in the world.  
Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with  
our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our  
Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

\* **PSALM 1** NRSV

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

***Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2 Peter 1:1-11** NRSV

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have received a faith as precious as ours  
through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus  
Christ.

<sup>2</sup> May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the  
knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything needed for life  
and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us  
by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Thus he has given us,  
through these things, his precious and very great promises,  
so that through them you may escape from the corruption  
that is in the world because of lust, and may become  
participants of the divine nature. <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, you  
must make every effort to support your faith with goodness,  
and goodness with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-  
control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with  
godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual  
affection with love. <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and are  
increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective  
and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>9</sup> For anyone who lacks these things is short-sighted and  
blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to  
confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will  
never stumble. <sup>11</sup> For in this way, entry into the eternal

kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11** NRSV

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;

<sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks

on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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

\* **PRAYERS**

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

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

\* PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

***Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR THE OPPRESSED

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every

one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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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