

Monday, November 8, 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 80** NRSV

**Restore us, O God of hosts;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

<sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might,  
and come to save us!

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

<sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn of our neighbors;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches;

<sup>11</sup> it sent out its branches to the sea,  
and its shoots to the River.

<sup>12</sup> Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

<sup>13</sup> The boar from the forest ravages it,  
and all that move in the field feed on it.

<sup>14</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts;  
look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,  
<sup>15</sup> the stock that your right hand planted.  
<sup>16</sup> They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;  
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.  
<sup>17</sup> But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.  
<sup>18</sup> Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.  
<sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

***Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **WORD: Revelation 18:1-8** NRSV

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven,  
having great authority; and the earth was made bright with  
his splendor. <sup>2</sup> He called out with a mighty voice,

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

It has become a dwelling place of demons,  
a haunt of every foul spirit,  
a haunt of every foul bird,  
a haunt of every foul and hateful beast.

<sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk  
of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,  
and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with  
her,  
and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the  
power of her luxury.”

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

“Come out of her, my people,  
so that you do not take part in her sins,  
and so that you do not share in her plagues;  
<sup>5</sup> for her sins are heaped high as heaven,  
and God has remembered her iniquities.  
<sup>6</sup> Render to her as she herself has rendered,  
and repay her double for her deeds;  
mix a double draught for her in the cup she mixed.

<sup>7</sup> As she glorified herself and lived luxuriously,  
so give her a like measure of torment and grief.

Since in her heart she says,

‘I rule as a queen;

I am no widow, and I will never see grief,’  
<sup>8</sup> therefore her plagues will come in a single day—  
pestilence and mourning and famine—  
and she will be burned with fire;  
for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **WORD: Matthew 15:1-20** NRSV

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, <sup>2</sup>“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat.”

<sup>3</sup> He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> For God said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’

<sup>5</sup> But you say that whoever tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God,’ then that person need not honor the father. <sup>6</sup> So, for the sake of your tradition, you make void the word of God. <sup>7</sup> You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said:

<sup>8</sup> ‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>9</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’”  
<sup>10</sup> Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen  
and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that  
defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that  
defiles.” <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him,  
“Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they  
heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup> He answered, “Every plant that my  
heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them  
alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind  
person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup> But Peter  
said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup> Then he said, “Are  
you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that  
whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes  
out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth  
proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of  
the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication,  
theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a  
person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

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.*

\* PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* PRAYER FOR the President of the United States  
and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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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