

Tuesday, December 28, 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 salvation.  
***Let us come before God's presence  
with thanksgiving,  
and raise a loud shout with psalms.***

For you, O God, are a great God,  
you are great above 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:  
***Oh God, The Holy Spirit,  
come to us, and among us;  
come as the wind, and cleanse us;  
come as the fire, and burn;  
come as the dew, and refresh;***

***convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to our great good and to your greater glory; and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen***

\* [Psalm 98](#) NRSV

***All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.***

***Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.***

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

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

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\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

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\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Proverbs 8:22-30** NRSV

The Lord created me at the beginning<sup>[a]</sup> of his work,<sup>[b]</sup>  
the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth—

<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,<sup>[c]</sup>

or the world's first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;<sup>[d]</sup>

and I was daily his<sup>[e]</sup> delight,

rejoicing before him always,

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

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\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING: John 13:20-35** NRSV

<sup>20</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

<sup>21</sup> After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup> The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. <sup>23</sup> One of his disciples—the one whom

Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter

therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>25</sup> So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked

him, “Lord, who is it?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in

the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> After he received

the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” <sup>28</sup> Now no one

at the table knew why he said this to him. <sup>29</sup> Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was

telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he

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should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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: JOHN**

According to the New Testament, the Apostle John was a fisherman, called to discipleship by Jesus along with his brother James. In the course of Jesus' ministry, John was one of the privileged three to join Jesus in significant moments during his ministry. Along with Peter and James, John watched Jesus bring Jairus' daughter to life, witnessed Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and accompanied Jesus as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was to John, his beloved disciple, that Jesus entrusted the care of his mother as he was dying on the cross. At the report of Mary Magdalene, he outran Peter to see the empty tomb, and was the first to recognize the risen Jesus at his appearance near the Sea of Tiberius.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of the tradition of Johannine authorship is that, in the words of Clement, it was John who gave the church a "spiritual Gospel." [Ivi] Distinct in language and imagery from the other three Gospels, the Evangelist provides a story of Jesus that stirs our hearts and imaginations.

\* For All the Saints

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\* **PRAYERS**

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

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

\* **COLLECT: JOHN**

God of many names, bring us again to know eternal life by the One who is bread from heaven, light of the world, gate for the sheep, resurrection and life, the way, the truth, and the life, the true vine.

\* For All the Saints

\* **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO MOURN**

***Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with those deep in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\* **PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION**

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this fellowship family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

\* **PRAYER FOR IN TIMES OF CONFLICT**

***O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; 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, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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**

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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