

Friday, January 7, 2022

\* **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** - *The First Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say,**

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great  
things, and this is known in all the world.**  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:2-6

\* **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

***Bless the LORD, all his works,  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.***

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

- <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.
- <sup>15</sup> As for mortals, their days are like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- <sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.
- <sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to  
everlasting  
on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,
- <sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.
- <sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.
- <sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
obedient to his spoken word.
- <sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD, all his hosts,

his ministers that do his will.

<sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all his works,

in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,

one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Bless the LORD, all his works,***

***Bless the LORD, O my soul.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Colossians 1:1-14** CEB

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Timothy our brother.

<sup>2</sup> To the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. <sup>4</sup> We've done this since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's people. <sup>5</sup> You have this faith and love because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You previously heard

about this hope through the true message, the good news, <sup>6</sup> which has come to you. This message has been bearing fruit and growing among you since the day you heard and truly understood God's grace, in the same way that it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world. <sup>7</sup> You learned it from Epaphras, who is the fellow slave we love and Christ's faithful minister for your sake. <sup>8</sup> He informed us of your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> Because of this, since the day we heard about you, we haven't stopped praying for you and asking for you to be filled with the knowledge of God's will, with all wisdom and spiritual understanding. <sup>10</sup> We're praying this so that you can live lives that are worthy of the Lord and pleasing to him in every way: by producing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> by being strengthened through his glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; <sup>12</sup> and by giving thanks with joy to the Father. He made it so you could take part in the inheritance, in light granted to God's holy people. <sup>13</sup> He rescued us from the control of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. <sup>14</sup> He set us free through the Son and forgave our sins.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING** John 6:30-33,48-51 CEB

<sup>30</sup> They asked, “What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*”

<sup>32</sup> Jesus told them, “I assure you, it wasn’t Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

<sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that whoever eats from it will never die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

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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*. LUKE 1:68-79

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)*

\* 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.**

\* PRAYERS FOR Prisons and Correctional Institutions

*Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a  
criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and*

*judgment. Remembering all prisoners, bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.*

**\* PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; 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 FOR FRIDAY**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

**\* COLLECT OF THE WEEK**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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**

“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord  
and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.  
They are like trees planted along a riverbank,  
with roots that reach deep into the water.

Such trees are not bothered by the heat  
or worried by long months of drought.  
Their leaves stay green,  
and they never stop producing fruit.” **Amen.** Jeremiah 17:7-8

# Morning Prayer

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