

Monday, January 24, 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.

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**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:

**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 41** NRSV

O LORD, be gracious to me and heal me;

O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up.

Happy are those who consider the poor;
the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

² The LORD protects them and keeps them alive;
they are called happy in the land.
You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

³ The LORD sustains them on their sickbed;
in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

⁴ As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you.”

⁵ My enemies wonder in malice
when I will die, and my name perish.

⁶ And when they come to see me, they utter empty words,
while their hearts gather mischief;
when they go out, they tell it abroad.

⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.

⁸ They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me,
that I will not rise again from where I lie.

⁹ Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted,
who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me.

¹⁰ But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them.

¹¹ By this I know that you are pleased with me;
because my enemy has not triumphed over me.

¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.

¹³ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen and Amen.

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

O LORD, be gracious to me and heal me;

O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up.

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **1ST READING: Hebrews 8:1-13** CEB

Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We have this kind of high priest. He sat down at the right side of the throne of the majesty in the heavens. ² He's serving as a priest in the holy place, which is the true meeting tent that God, not any human being, set up. ³ Every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices. So it's necessary for this high priest also to have something to offer. ⁴ If he was located on earth, he wouldn't be a priest because there are already others who offer gifts based on the Law. ⁵ They

serve in a place that is a copy and shadow of the heavenly meeting tent. This is indicated when Moses was warned by God when he was about to set up the meeting tent: *See that you follow the pattern that I showed you on the mountain in every detail.* ⁶ But now, Jesus has received a superior priestly service just as he arranged a better covenant that is enacted with better promises.

⁷ If the first covenant had been without fault, it wouldn't have made sense to expect a second. ⁸ But God did find fault with them, since he says,

*Look, the days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a covenant with the house of Israel,
and I will make a new covenant with the house of
Judah.*

⁹ *It will not be like the covenant that I made with their
ancestors*

*on the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the
land of Egypt,
because they did not continue to keep my covenant,
and I lost interest in them, says the Lord.*

¹⁰ *This is the covenant that I will make with the house of
Israel*

*after those days, says the Lord.
I will place my laws in their minds,*

and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God,

and they will be my people.

¹¹ *And each person won't ever teach a neighbor
or their brother or sister, saying, "Know the Lord,"
because they will all know me,*

*from the least important of them to the most
important;*

¹² *because I will be lenient toward their unjust actions,
and I won't remember their sins anymore.*

¹³ When it says new, it makes the first obsolete. And if something is old and outdated, it's close to disappearing.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **GOSPEL READING: John 4:43-54** CEB

⁴³ After two days Jesus left for Galilee. (⁴⁴ Jesus himself had testified that prophets have no honor in their own country.)

⁴⁵ When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him because they had seen all the things he had done in

Jerusalem during the festival, for they also had been at the festival.

⁴⁶ He returned to Cana in Galilee where he had turned the water into wine. In Capernaum there was a certain royal official whose son was sick. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus was coming from Judea to Galilee, he went out to meet him and asked Jesus if he would come and heal his son, for his son was about to die. ⁴⁸ Jesus said to him, “Unless you see miraculous signs and wonders, you won’t believe.”

⁴⁹ The royal official said to him, “Lord, come before my son dies.” ⁵⁰ Jesus replied, “Go home. Your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and set out for his home.

⁵¹ While he was on his way, his servants were already coming to meet him. They said, “Your son lives!” ⁵² So he asked them at what time his son had started to get better. And they said, “The fever left him yesterday at about one o’clock in the afternoon.” ⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son lives.” And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. ⁵⁴ This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did while going from Judea to 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

* **COMMEMORATION: Eli Stanley Jones**

Jones, a renowned missionary to India, popular writer, and influential Methodist leader, was born in 1884 in Clarksville, Maryland. As a teenager, he responded to an altar call during a Methodist revival meeting. According to his testimony, however, he did not experience his conversion until a service two years later.

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Jones was instrumental in defending the importance of an indigenous proclamation of the Gospel in mission work. His Christian Ashram at Lucknow was a community committed to an indigenous expression of the Gospel, mutual spiritual responsibility, racial and caste equality, and economic sharing. He wrote, "Christianity must be defined as Christ, not the Old Testament, not Western civilization, not even the

system built around him in the West, but Christ himself and to be Christian is to follow him."

* For All the Saints

* 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)*

* **COLLECT: Eli Stanley Jones**

Holy and merciful God, in your love for the world you raised Eli Stanley Jones to be an evangelist, a herald of the good news: strengthen and guide those entrusted with the proclamation of your Word that as they make known your redeeming love we may heed and receive their glad tidings, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* 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.

* FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

* Prayer of Saint Ephrem (306-373)

O Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of apathy and meddling, of idle chatter and love of power. Instead, grant to me, your servant, the spirit of integrity and humility, of patience and love. Yes, O Lord and God, grant

me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge others,
for you are blessed, now and ever and forever. **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**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our
Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good
News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may

perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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

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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