

Saturday, February 5, 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 OF WISDOM**

Wisdom has built her house, setting up seven pillars.  
She has prepared the food and wine and set her table.

***She has sent out her servants  
to call out from the Heights above the city:***

"Let those who want enlightenment come.  
Come, taste my bread and drink my spiced wine.

***Give up your foolishness and live,  
And walk the path of understanding."***

If you are wise, your reward is wisdom;  
If you teach the just, they grow in understanding.  
***Wisdom begins with reverence for God,  
and knowledge of the holy one is insight.***

\* OSL

\* **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 75** NRSV

***We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks; your name is near.***

<sup>1</sup> We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks; your name is near.  
People tell of your wondrous deeds.

<sup>2</sup> At the set time that I appoint  
I will judge with equity.

<sup>3</sup> When the earth totters, with all its inhabitants,  
it is I who keep its pillars steady. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> I say to the boastful, “Do not boast,”  
and to the wicked, “Do not lift up your horn;  
<sup>5</sup> do not lift up your horn on high,  
or speak with insolent neck.”

<sup>6</sup> For not from the east or from the west  
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up;  
<sup>7</sup> but it is God who executes judgment,  
putting down one and lifting up another.

<sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup  
with foaming wine, well mixed;  
he will pour a draught from it,  
and all the wicked of the earth  
shall drain it down to the dregs.

<sup>9</sup> But I will rejoice forever;  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,  
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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

***We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks; your name is near.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Hebrews 12:12-29** CEB

<sup>12</sup> So strengthen your drooping hands and weak knees!  
<sup>13</sup> Make straight paths for your feet so that if any part is  
lame, it will be healed rather than injured more seriously.  
<sup>14</sup> Pursue the goal of peace along with everyone—and  
holiness as well, because no one will see the Lord without  
it. <sup>15</sup> Make sure that no one misses out on God’s grace.  
Make sure that no root of bitterness grows up that might  
cause trouble and pollute many people. <sup>16</sup> Make sure that  
no one becomes sexually immoral or ungodly like Esau.  
He sold his inheritance as the oldest son for one meal.  
<sup>17</sup> You know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the  
blessing, he was rejected because he couldn’t find a way

to change his heart and life, though he looked for it with tears.

<sup>18</sup> You haven't drawn near to something that can be touched: a burning fire, darkness, shadow, a whirlwind, <sup>19</sup> a blast of a trumpet, and a sound of words that made the ones who heard it beg that there wouldn't be one more word. <sup>20</sup> They couldn't stand the command, *If even a wild animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.*

<sup>21</sup> The sight was so frightening that Moses said, "I'm terrified and shaking!"

<sup>22</sup> But you have drawn near to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, to countless angels in a festival gathering, <sup>23</sup> to the assembly of God's firstborn children who are registered in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous who have been made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel's blood.

<sup>25</sup> See to it that you don't resist the one who is speaking. If the people didn't escape when they refused to listen to the one who warned them on earth, how will we escape if we reject the one who is warning from heaven? <sup>26</sup> His voice shook the earth then, but now he has made a promise: *Still once more I will shake not only the earth but heaven*

*also.* <sup>27</sup> The words "still once more" reveal the removal of what is shaken—the things that are part of this creation—so that what isn't shaken will remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken, let's continue to express our gratitude. With this gratitude, let's serve in a way that is pleasing to God with respect and awe, <sup>29</sup> because our God really is a consuming fire.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL: John 7:14-36** CEB

<sup>14</sup> Halfway through the festival, Jesus went up to the temple and started to teach. <sup>15</sup> Astonished, the Jewish leaders asked, "He's never been taught! How has he mastered the Law?"

<sup>16</sup> Jesus responded, "My teaching isn't mine but comes from the one who sent me. <sup>17</sup> Whoever wants to do God's will can tell whether my teaching is from God or whether I speak on my own. <sup>18</sup> Those who speak on their own seek

glory for themselves. Those who seek the glory of him who sent me are people of truth; there's no falsehood in them. <sup>19</sup> Didn't Moses give you the Law? Yet none of you keep the Law. Why do you want to kill me?"

<sup>20</sup> The crowd answered, "You have a demon. Who wants to kill you?"

<sup>21</sup> Jesus replied, "I did one work, and you were all astonished. <sup>22</sup> Because Moses gave you the commandment about circumcision (although it wasn't Moses but the patriarchs), you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. <sup>23</sup> If a man can be circumcised on the Sabbath without breaking Moses' Law, why are you angry with me because I made an entire man well on the Sabbath?"

<sup>24</sup> Don't judge according to appearances. Judge with right judgment."

<sup>25</sup> Some people from Jerusalem said, "Isn't he the one they want to kill? <sup>26</sup> Here he is, speaking in public, yet they aren't saying anything to him. Could it be that our leaders actually think he is the Christ? <sup>27</sup> We know where he is from, but when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from."

<sup>28</sup> While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he exclaimed, "You know me and where I am from. I haven't come on

my own. The one who sent me is true, and you don't know him. <sup>29</sup> I know him because I am from him and he sent me." <sup>30</sup> So they wanted to seize Jesus, but they couldn't because his time hadn't yet come.

<sup>31</sup> Many from that crowd believed in Jesus. They said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man does?" <sup>32</sup> The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about Jesus, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent guards to arrest him.

<sup>33</sup> Therefore, Jesus said, "I'm still with you for a little while before I go to the one who sent me. <sup>34</sup> You will look for me, but you won't find me, and where I am you can't come."

<sup>35</sup> The Jewish opposition asked each other, "Where does he intend to go that we can't find him? Surely he doesn't intend to go where our people have been scattered and are living among the Greeks! He isn't going to teach the Greeks, is he? <sup>36</sup> What does he mean when he says, 'You will look for me, but you won't find me, and where I am you can't come'?"

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.***

\* FOR MONASTIC ORDERS AND VOCATIONS

***O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake,  
that we might be made rich through your poverty:  
Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to  
follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and  
obedience, that by their prayer and service they may  
enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may  
glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

\* FOR AGRICULTURE

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful,  
so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless  
those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather;  
and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth,  
rejoicing in your goodness; 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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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**

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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