

Saturday, January 22, 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 30** NRSV

***Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.***

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the  
Pit.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
“I shall never be moved.”

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cried,  
and to the LORD I made supplication:

<sup>9</sup> “What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!”

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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

***Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Hebrews 7:18-28** CEB

<sup>18</sup> On the one hand, an earlier command is set aside  
because it was weak and useless <sup>19</sup> (because the Law  
made nothing perfect). On the other hand, a better hope is  
introduced, through which we draw near to God. <sup>20</sup> And

this was not done without a solemn pledge! The others have become priests without a solemn pledge, <sup>21</sup> but this priest was affirmed with a solemn pledge by the one who said,

*The Lord has made a solemn pledge  
and will not change his mind:  
You are a priest forever.*

<sup>22</sup> As a result, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. <sup>23</sup> The others who became priests are numerous because death prevented them from continuing to serve. <sup>24</sup> In contrast, he holds the office of priest permanently because he continues to serve forever. <sup>25</sup> This is why he can completely save those who are approaching God through him, because he always lives to speak with God for them.

<sup>26</sup> It's appropriate for us to have this kind of high priest: holy, innocent, incorrupt, separate from sinners, and raised high above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day like the other high priests, first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people. He did this once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> The Law appoints people who are prone to weakness as high priests, but the content of the solemn pledge, which came

after the Law, appointed a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL: John 4:27-42** CEB

<sup>27</sup> Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

<sup>28</sup> The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus.

<sup>31</sup> In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you don't know about."

<sup>33</sup> The disciples asked each other, “Has someone brought him food?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. <sup>35</sup> Don’t you have a saying, ‘Four more months and then it’s time for harvest’? Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. <sup>36</sup> Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. <sup>37</sup> This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. <sup>38</sup> I have sent you to harvest what you didn’t work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s word when she testified, “He told me everything I’ve ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> Many more believed because of his word, <sup>42</sup> and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world.”

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 JOY IN GOD'S CREATION

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

\* PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

*Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; 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, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
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**

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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