

Thursday, January 13, 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.***

PSALM 90:14

\* **MORNING CANTICLE OF JOY**

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;

serve the LORD with gladness

and come before God's presence with a song.

***Know this: The LORD is God; the LORD has made us,***

***and we belong to the One who created us;***

***we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.***

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;

go into God's courts with praise;

give thanks to God and call upon God's Name.

***For the LORD is good;***

***God's mercy is everlasting;***

***and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.***

PSALM 100

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;

***And also with you.***

Let us pray:

***We give you hearty thanks for the rest of the past night and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at eventide we may again give thanks unto you. Amen.***

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\* [Psalm 18:1-20](#) NRSV

***In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.***

***From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.***

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup> I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
so I shall be saved from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup> The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of perdition assailed me;

<sup>5</sup> the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.

<sup>7</sup> Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations also of the mountains trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.

<sup>8</sup> Smoke went up from his nostrils,  
and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

<sup>9</sup> He bowed the heavens, and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.

<sup>10</sup> He rode on a cherub, and flew;  
he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.

<sup>11</sup> He made darkness his covering around him,  
his canopy thick clouds dark with water.

<sup>12</sup> Out of the brightness before him  
there broke through his clouds  
hailstones and coals of fire.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Most High uttered his voice.

<sup>14</sup> And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;  
he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.

<sup>15</sup> Then the channels of the sea were seen,  
and the foundations of the world were laid bare  
at your rebuke, O LORD,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

<sup>16</sup> He reached down from on high, he took me;  
he drew me out of mighty waters.

<sup>17</sup> He delivered me from my strong enemy,  
and from those who hated me;

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for they were too mighty for me.

<sup>18</sup> They confronted me in the day of my calamity;  
but the LORD was my support.

<sup>19</sup> He brought me out into a broad place;  
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

<sup>20</sup> The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;  
according to the cleanness of my hands he  
recompensed me.

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

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to my God I cried for help.  
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\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Hebrews 3:1-11** CEB

Therefore, brothers and sisters who are partners in the heavenly calling, think about Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. <sup>2</sup> Jesus was faithful to the one

who appointed him just like Moses was faithful in God's house. <sup>3</sup> But he deserves greater glory than Moses in the same way that the builder of the house deserves more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> Every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. <sup>5</sup> Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant in order to affirm the things that would be spoken later. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus was faithful over God's house as a Son. We are his house if we hold on to the confidence and the pride that our hope gives us.

<sup>7</sup> So, as the Holy Spirit says,

*Today, if you hear his voice,*

<sup>8</sup> *don't have stubborn hearts  
as they did in the rebellion,  
on the day when they tested me in the desert.*

<sup>9</sup> *That is where your ancestors challenged and tested me,  
though they had seen my work for forty years.*

<sup>10</sup> *So I was angry with them.*

*I said, "Their hearts always go off course,  
and they don't know my ways."*

<sup>11</sup> *Because of my anger I swore:*

*"They will never enter my rest!"*

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Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING: John 1:43-51** CEB

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

<sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth."

<sup>46</sup> Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?"

Philip said, "Come and see."

<sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

<sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

<sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the king of Israel."

<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! <sup>51</sup> I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One."

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\* 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**

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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.*

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\* **COMMEMORATION: George Fox**

“A radical among radicals, George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends, belongs to the left wing of 17th century Puritanism. Born in 1624, Fox left his village home in Leicestershire at eighteen and began a lifetime of traveling: first, in search of a personal awakening; then, after 1646, to preach the godly life as he now understood it. Fox found enthusiastic hearers among folk disaffected with the political and religious solutions of Cromwellian England. Together with other itinerant preachers, men and women, he established congregations first in the north and midlands, then in the south-west. By 1660, when the monarchy was restored, the "Quakers," as they were nicknamed, seemed a significant enough threat to merit vigorous persecution.”

\* For All the Saints

\* **PRAYERS**

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

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

\* **COLLECT: George Fox**

Almighty God, in whose kingdom servants are leaders, we give you thanks and praise for the memory of your servant George Fox, who sensed the flow of your desire for the world and called us to new ways of worship and being: Let our will be caught by the tide of your love that creation might be renewed and all your people live in peace, 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.***

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\* PRAYERS FOR A PERSON IN TROUBLE

*O merciful Father, who has taught us in your holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: Look with pity upon the sorrows of you servants for whom our prayers are offered. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy, nourish their souls with patience, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, lift up your countenance upon them, and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\* FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for all future generations. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. **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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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\* 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

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. **Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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