

Friday, March 4, 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:

**Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy  
thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which  
no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no  
unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us  
also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you,  
diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a  
faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(SAINT THOMAS, ITALY, 13TH CENT.)

\* **Psalm 31:1-5** NRSV

***Into your hand I commit my spirit;***

***you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.***

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

do not let me ever be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me.

<sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

<sup>4</sup> take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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

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

***Into your hand I commit my spirit;***

***you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Philippians 4:1-9** CEB

Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

Loved ones, <sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I'm also asking you, loyal friend, to help these women who have struggled together with me in the ministry of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the scroll of life.

<sup>4</sup> Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. <sup>7</sup> Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.

<sup>9</sup> Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING:** John 17:9-19 CEB

<sup>9</sup> “I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. <sup>12</sup> When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. <sup>14</sup> I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. <sup>15</sup> I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t

belong to this world. <sup>17</sup> Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

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***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*)

\* FOR A SICK PERSON

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask you to recognize, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to live the remainder of their lives in your awe, and to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

***Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly pray to you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\* FOR ALL PLACES AND PREDICAMENTS

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly, earnestly request of you for people in all places and all predicaments; that you would be gracious to make your ways known to them, your saving health to all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith - in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate, that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their many necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a blessed outcome from all their afflictions. And this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. 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 before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
**Amen.**

# Morning Prayer

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