

Monday, February 28, 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 25** NRSV

**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast

love,

for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my

transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and

faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

<sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD,

pardon my guilt, for it is great.

<sup>12</sup> Who are they that fear the LORD?

He will teach them the way that they should choose.

<sup>13</sup> They will abide in prosperity,

and their children shall possess the land.

<sup>14</sup> The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,

and he makes his covenant known to them.

<sup>15</sup> My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me,

for I am lonely and afflicted.

<sup>17</sup> Relieve the troubles of my heart,

and bring me out of my distress.

<sup>18</sup> Consider my affliction and my trouble,

and forgive all my sins.

<sup>19</sup> Consider how many are my foes,

and with what violent hatred they hate me.

<sup>20</sup> O guard my life, and deliver me;

do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

<sup>21</sup> May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

for I wait for you.

<sup>22</sup> Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all its troubles.

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

***Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Philippians 2:1-13** CEB

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any  
comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy,  
<sup>2</sup> complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the  
same love, being united, and agreeing with each other.  
<sup>3</sup> Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility  
think of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Instead of each  
person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is  
better for others. <sup>5</sup> Adopt the attitude that was in Christ  
Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Though he was in the form of God,  
he did not consider being equal with God something to  
exploit.

<sup>7</sup> But he emptied himself

by taking the form of a slave  
and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point  
of death,

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, God highly honored him

and gave him a name above all names,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus everyone

in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not  
just when I am present but now even more while I am away,  
carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. <sup>13</sup> God  
is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live  
out his good purposes.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: John 18:15-18,25-27** CEB

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Because this other disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard. <sup>16</sup> However, Peter stood outside near the gate. Then the other disciple (the one known to the high priest) came out and spoke to the woman stationed at the gate, and she brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The servant woman stationed at the gate asked Peter, "Aren't you one of this man's disciples?"

"I'm not," he replied. <sup>18</sup> The servants and the guards had made a fire because it was cold. They were standing around it, warming themselves. Peter joined them there, standing by the fire and warming himself.

<sup>25</sup> Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing with the guards, warming himself. They asked, "Aren't you one of his disciples?"

Peter denied it, saying, "I'm not."

<sup>26</sup> A servant of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said to him, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Peter denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

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 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.*

\* PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE

*Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..*

\* A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **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

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**

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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