

Saturday, February 26, 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 144** NRSV

***Stretch out your hand from on high;  
set me free and rescue me from the mighty waters.***

Blessed be the LORD, my rock,  
who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;  
<sup>2</sup> my rock and my fortress,  
my stronghold and my deliverer,  
my shield, in whom I take refuge,  
who subdues the peoples under me.  
<sup>3</sup> O LORD, what are human beings that you regard them,  
or mortals that you think of them?  
<sup>4</sup> They are like a breath;  
their days are like a passing shadow.  
<sup>5</sup> Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down;  
touch the mountains so that they smoke.  
<sup>6</sup> Make the lightning flash and scatter them;  
send out your arrows and rout them.  
<sup>7</sup> Stretch out your hand from on high;  
set me free and rescue me from the mighty waters,  
from the hand of aliens,  
<sup>8</sup> whose mouths speak lies,  
and whose right hands are false.  
<sup>9</sup> I will sing a new song to you, O God;  
upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,  
<sup>10</sup> the one who gives victory to kings,  
who rescues his servant David.

<sup>11</sup> Rescue me from the cruel sword,  
and deliver me from the hand of aliens,  
whose mouths speak lies,  
and whose right hands are false.  
<sup>12</sup> May our sons in their youth  
be like plants full grown,  
our daughters like corner pillars,  
cut for the building of a palace.  
<sup>13</sup> May our barns be filled,  
with produce of every kind;  
may our sheep increase by thousands,  
by tens of thousands in our fields,  
<sup>14</sup> and may our cattle be heavy with young.  
May there be no breach in the walls, no exile,  
and no cry of distress in our streets.  
<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall;  
happy are the people whose God is the LORD.

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

***Stretch out your hand from on high;  
set me free and rescue me from the mighty waters.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14** CEB

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my dear child.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. <sup>4</sup> When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. <sup>5</sup> I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you.

<sup>6</sup> Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup> God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

<sup>8</sup> So don't be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God's power. <sup>9</sup> God is the one

who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn't based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began. <sup>10</sup> Now his grace is revealed through the appearance of our savior, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. <sup>11</sup> I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. <sup>12</sup> This is also why I'm suffering the way I do, but I'm not ashamed. I know the one in whom I've placed my trust. I'm convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what he has placed in my trust until that day. <sup>13</sup> Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL: John 12:20-26** CEB

<sup>20</sup> Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***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*.

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.**

\* PRAYER FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion  
prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and  
he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together

in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

\* PRAYERS FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

***O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; 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

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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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