

Tuesday, February 8, 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 PRAISE**

Come, let us sing to the Holy One;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
***Let us come before God's presence  
with thanksgiving,  
and raise a loud shout with psalms.***

For you, O God, are a great God,  
you are great above all gods.

***In your hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.***

The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.  
***Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before God, our Maker.***

For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture  
and the sheep of your hand.  
***Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!***

PSALM 95:1-7

**\* MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One be with you;  
***And also with you.***

Let us pray:

***Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and  
move and have our being, you created us for  
yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they  
find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and***

***strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and, in your service, find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

St. Augustine

\* [Psalm 78:1-8](#) NRSV

***Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.***

- <sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
<sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.
- <sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.
- <sup>5</sup> He established a decree in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors

- to teach to their children;  
<sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and rise up and tell them to their children,  
<sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;  
<sup>8</sup> and that they should not be like their ancestors,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.
- Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.
- Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Hebrews 13:17-25** CEB

- <sup>17</sup> Rely on your leaders and defer to them, because they watch over your whole being as people who are going to be held responsible for you. They need to be able to do

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this with pleasure and not with complaints about you, because that wouldn't help you. <sup>18</sup> Pray for us. We're sure that we have a good conscience, and we want to do the right thing in every way. <sup>19</sup> I'm particularly asking you to do this so that I can be returned to you quickly.

<sup>20</sup> May the God of peace,  
who brought back the great shepherd of the sheep,  
our Lord Jesus,  
from the dead by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
<sup>21</sup> equip you with every good thing to do his will,  
by developing in us what pleases him through Jesus  
Christ.

To him be the glory forever and always. Amen.

<sup>22</sup> I urge you, brothers and sisters, to put up with this message of encouragement, since I've only written a short letter to you! <sup>23</sup> You should know that our brother Timothy has been set free. If he comes soon, we will travel together to see you.

<sup>24</sup> Greet your leaders and all of God's holy people. The group from Italy greets you.

<sup>25</sup> May grace be with all of you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

### ***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** **John 7:53-8:11** CEB

<sup>53</sup> They each went to their own homes, <sup>1</sup> And Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Early in the morning he returned to the temple. All the people gathered around him, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> The legal experts and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery. Placing her in the center of the group, <sup>4</sup> they said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of committing adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone women like this. What do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They said this to test him, because they wanted a reason to bring an accusation against him. Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger.

<sup>7</sup> They continued to question him, so he stood up and replied, "Whoever hasn't sinned should throw the first stone." <sup>8</sup> Bending down again, he wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> Those who heard him went away, one by one, beginning with the elders. Finally, only Jesus and the woman were left in the middle of the crowd.

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<sup>10</sup> Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Is there no one to condemn you?”

<sup>11</sup> She said, “No one, sir.”

Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, don’t sin anymore.”

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*.

\* **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)*

\* PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those we lift today, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that with health being renewed, all may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

***O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially administrators and teachers continuing to adapt in this time of pandemic recovery, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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\* PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; 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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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,

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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 LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his  
face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD  
turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**”

## Morning Prayer

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