

Thursday, March 10, 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:

***Dawn from on high,***

***Your light illumines all our days.***

***Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.***

***Be merciful in us for the sake of others. Make us  
fearless when confronting injustice and need, that we  
may give you glory in the power of the Spirit. Amen.***

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\* **Psalm 50** NRSV

***Call on me in the day of trouble;***

***I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.***

- <sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.
- <sup>3</sup> Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.
- <sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- <sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge. *Selah*
- <sup>7</sup> "Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.
- <sup>8</sup> Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- <sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house,

or goats from your folds.

- <sup>10</sup> For every wild animal of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.
- <sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the air,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- <sup>12</sup> "If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the world and all that is in it is mine.
- <sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?
- <sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and pay your vows to the Most High.
- <sup>15</sup> Call on me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."
- <sup>23</sup> Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor  
me;  
to those who go the right way  
I will show the salvation of God."
- Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Call on me in the day of trouble;***

***I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.***

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\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15** CEB

<sup>14</sup> But people who are unspiritual don't accept the things from God's Spirit. They are foolishness to them and can't be understood, because they can only be comprehended in a spiritual way. <sup>15</sup> Spiritual people comprehend everything, but they themselves aren't understood by anyone. <sup>16</sup> *Who has known the mind of the Lord, who will advise him?* But we have the mind of Christ.

Brothers and sisters, I couldn't talk to you like spiritual people but like unspiritual people, like babies in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk to drink instead of solid food, because you weren't up to it yet. <sup>3</sup> Now you are still not up to it because you are still unspiritual. When jealousy and fighting exist between you, aren't you unspiritual and living by human standards? <sup>4</sup> When someone says, "I belong to Paul," and someone else says, "I belong to Apollos," aren't you acting like people without the Spirit? <sup>5</sup> After all, what is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants who helped you to believe. Each one had a role given to them by the Lord: <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow.

<sup>7</sup> Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. <sup>9</sup> We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> I laid a foundation like a wise master builder according to God's grace that was given to me, but someone else is building on top of it. Each person needs to pay attention to the way they build on it. <sup>11</sup> No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> So, whether someone builds on top of the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, or hay, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will be clearly shown. The day will make it clear, because it will be revealed with fire—the fire will test the quality of each one's work. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work survives, they'll get a reward. <sup>15</sup> But if anyone's work goes up in flames, they'll lose it. However, they themselves will be saved as if they had gone through a fire.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

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\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Mark 2:1-12** CEB

After a few days, Jesus went back to Capernaum, and people heard that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> So many gathered that there was no longer space, not even near the door. Jesus was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Some people arrived, and four of them were bringing to him a man who was paralyzed. <sup>4</sup> They couldn't carry him through the crowd, so they tore off part of the roof above where Jesus was. When they had made an opening, they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed man was lying. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven!"

<sup>6</sup> Some legal experts were sitting there, muttering among themselves, <sup>7</sup> "Why does he speak this way? He's insulting God. Only the one God can forgive sins."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus immediately recognized what they were discussing, and he said to them, "Why do you fill your minds with these questions? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier—to say to a paralyzed person, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take up your bed, and walk'? <sup>10</sup> But so you will know

that the Human One<sup>[a]</sup> has authority on the earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed, <sup>11</sup> "Get up, take your mat, and go home."

<sup>12</sup> Jesus raised him up, and right away he picked up his mat and walked out in front of everybody. They were all amazed and praised God, saying, "We've never seen anything like this!"

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*,**

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**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*.

***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.***

**\* THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

***I believe in God,***

***the Father Almighty,***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

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\* **COMMEMORATION: HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN**

Abolitionist, spy, Underground Railroad conductor, nurse, war hero, and activist, Harriet Tubman was born in Maryland in 1821 as the daughter of slaves. At 13, she intervened to help a runaway slave; the injury she received as punishment caused her blackouts the rest of her life.[ cxiv]

In 1827, John Russwurm and the Reverend Mr. Samuel Cornish began to publish Freedom's Journal, the first Black newspaper in the U.S. [cxv] As a result, more and more slaves were taking the risk of fleeing and going North. Tubman herself escaped to Philadelphia in 1849. She found work at a hotel, and began earning money that would support her bringing slaves North. During the next ten years, she made nineteen trips and freed 300 slaves, earning her the nickname, "Moses." She helped John Brown plan the raid on Harper's Ferry in October 1859.

In 1862, she agreed to serve the Union Army, and worked as a spy, scout, and nurse. In 1863, she led a gunboat expedition along the Combahee River during which nearly 800 slaves were brought to safety. Later, she was also active in the fight for women's suffrage. The Harriet Tubman Home for Indigent and Aged Negroes was started in 1896.

\* 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: HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN**

Pillar of Cloud and Pillar of Fire, you always raise among your imprisoned people leaders of burning vision like Harriet Ross Tubman. Part the dead waters of the past and bring all your people to a new land of promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* For All the Saints

\* **PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS**

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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\* PRAYERS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon those who hold office in this State of New Jersey, the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

**Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. 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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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**

“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord  
and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.  
They are like trees planted along a riverbank,  
with roots that reach deep into the water.  
Such trees are not bothered by the heat  
or worried by long months of drought.  
Their leaves stay green,  
and they never stop producing fruit.” **Amen.** Jeremiah 17:7-8



## Morning Prayer

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