

Monday, Apr 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.

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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 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: 1 Corinthians 14:1-19** CEB

Pursue love, and use your ambition to try to get spiritual gifts  
but especially so that you might prophesy. <sup>2</sup> This is because

those who speak in a tongue don't speak to people but to God; no one understands it—they speak mysteries by the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> Those who prophesy speak to people, building them up, and giving them encouragement and comfort. <sup>4</sup> People who speak in a tongue build up themselves; those who prophesy build up the church. <sup>5</sup> I wish that all of you spoke in tongues, but I'd rather you could prophesy. Those who prophesy are more important than those who speak in tongues, unless they are able to interpret them so that the church might be built up. <sup>6</sup> After all, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I help you unless I speak to you with a revelation, some knowledge, a prophecy, or a teaching? <sup>7</sup> Likewise, things that aren't alive like a harp or a lyre can make a sound, but if there aren't different notes in the sounds they make, how will the tune from the harp or the lyre be recognized? <sup>8</sup> And if a trumpet call is unrecognizable, then who will prepare for battle? <sup>9</sup> It's the same way with you: If you don't use language that is easy to understand when you speak in a tongue, then how will anyone understand what is said? <sup>10</sup> It will be as if you are speaking into the air! There are probably many language families in the world, and none of them are without meaning. <sup>11</sup> So if I don't know the meaning of the language, then I will be like a foreigner to those who speak it, and they will be like foreigners to me. <sup>12</sup> The same holds true for you: since you

are ambitious for spiritual gifts, use your ambition to try to work toward being the best at building up the church.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, those who speak in a tongue should pray to be able to interpret. <sup>14</sup> If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind isn't productive. <sup>15</sup> What should I do? I'll pray in the Spirit, but I'll pray with my mind too; I'll sing a psalm in the Spirit, but I'll sing the psalm with my mind too. <sup>16</sup> After all, if you praise God in the Spirit, how will the people who aren't trained in that language say "Amen!" to your thanksgiving, when they don't know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup> You may offer a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving, but the other person is not being built up. <sup>18</sup> I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup> But in the church I'd rather speak five words in my right mind than speak thousands of words in a tongue so that I can teach others.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-41** CEB

<sup>30</sup> From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn't want anyone to know it. <sup>31</sup> This was because he

was teaching his disciples, "The Human One<sup>[a]</sup> will be delivered into human hands. They will kill him. Three days after he is killed he will rise up." <sup>32</sup> But they didn't understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?" <sup>34</sup> They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all." <sup>36</sup> Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me."

<sup>38</sup> John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us."

<sup>39</sup> Jesus replied, "Don't stop him. No one who does powerful acts in my name can quickly turn around and curse me.

<sup>40</sup> Whoever isn't against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> I assure you that whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded.

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.*

\* FOR THE VICTIMS OF ADDICTION

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

\* FOR ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS

*Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the  
death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that,  
as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be  
renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in  
righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

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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