

Saturday, April 23, 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 145** NRSV

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name forever and ever.

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup> One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.

<sup>5</sup> On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

<sup>6</sup> The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness.

<sup>7</sup> They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant  
goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,

<sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>16</sup> You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

<sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

<sup>20</sup> The LORD watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.

<sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

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

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:18-27**<sub>CEB</sub>

<sup>18</sup> Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, <sup>19</sup>“Teacher, Moses wrote for us that *if a man’s brother dies, leaving a widow but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.* <sup>20</sup> Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman; when he died, he left no children.

<sup>21</sup> The second married her and died without leaving any children. The third did the same. <sup>22</sup> None of the seven left any children. Finally, the woman died. <sup>23</sup> At the resurrection, when they all rise up, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her.”

<sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, “Isn’t this the reason you are wrong, because you don’t know either the scriptures or God’s power? <sup>25</sup> When people rise from the dead, they won’t marry nor will they be given in marriage. Instead, they will be like God’s angels. <sup>26</sup> As for the resurrection from the dead, haven’t you read in the scroll from Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God said to Moses, *I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God*

*of Jacob?* <sup>27</sup> He isn’t the God of the dead but of the living. You are seriously mistaken.”

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 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.*

\* COLLECT: Saturday in Easter Week

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
*Amen.*

\* FOR MONASTIC ORDERS AND VOCATIONS

*O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty:*

*Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

\* FOR AGRICULTURE

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; 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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; 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**

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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