

Tuesday, April 19, 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 103](#) NRSV

***All God's creatures, bless the LORD!
let my whole being bless the LORD!***

Let my whole being^[a] bless the LORD!

Let everything inside me bless his holy name!

² Let my whole being bless the LORD

and never forget all his good deeds:

³ how God forgives all your sins,

heals all your sickness,

⁴ saves your life from the pit,

crowns you with faithful love and compassion,

⁵ and satisfies you with plenty of good things

so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works righteousness;

does justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ God made his ways known to Moses;

made his deeds known to the Israelites.

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and merciful,
very patient, and full of faithful love.

⁹ God won't always play the judge;
he won't be angry forever.

¹⁰ He doesn't deal with us according to our sin
or repay us according to our wrongdoing,

¹¹ because as high as heaven is above the earth,
that's how large God's faithful love is for those who
honor him.

¹² As far as east is from west—
that's how far God has removed our sin from us.

¹³ Like a parent feels compassion for their children—
that's how the LORD feels compassion for those who
honor him.

¹⁴ Because God knows how we're made,
God remembers we're just dust.

¹⁵ The days of a human life are like grass:
they bloom like a wildflower;

¹⁶ but when the wind blows through it, it's gone;
even the ground where it stood doesn't remember it.

¹⁷ But the LORD's faithful love is from forever ago to
forever from now

for those who honor him.

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And God's righteousness reaches to the grandchildren

¹⁸ of those who keep his covenant
and remember to keep his commands.

¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ You divine messengers,
bless the LORD!

You who are mighty in power and keep his word,
who obey everything he says,
bless him!

²¹ All you heavenly forces,
bless the LORD!

All you who serve him and do his will,
bless him!

²² All God's creatures,
bless the LORD!

Everywhere, throughout his kingdom,
let my whole being
bless the LORD!

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

All God's creatures, bless the LORD!

let my whole being bless the LORD!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **1st READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-28** CEB

¹² So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, "There's no resurrection of the dead"? ¹³ If there's no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn't been raised either. ¹⁴ If Christ hasn't been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless. ¹⁵ We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn't raise him if it's the case that the dead aren't raised. ¹⁶ If the dead aren't raised, then Christ hasn't been raised either. ¹⁷ If Christ hasn't been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins, ¹⁸ and what's more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever. ¹⁹ If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died.

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²¹ Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. ²² In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. ²³ Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest, then those who belong to Christ at his coming, ²⁴ and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. ²⁵ It is necessary for him to rule until *he puts all enemies under his feet*. ²⁶ Death is the last enemy to be brought to an end, ²⁷ since he has brought everything under control under his feet. When it says that everything has been brought under his control, this clearly means everything except for the one who placed everything under his control. ²⁸ But when all things have been brought under his control, then the Son himself will also be under the control of the one who gave him control over everything so that God may be all in all.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **2nd READING:** **Mark 16:9-20** CEB

[⁹ They promptly reported all of the young man's instructions to those who were with Peter. Afterward, through the work of his disciples, Jesus sent out, from the east to the west, the sacred and undying message of eternal salvation. Amen.]

[[⁹ After Jesus rose up early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and reported to the ones who had been with him, who were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ But even after they heard the news, they didn't believe that Jesus was alive and that Mary had seen him.

¹² After that he appeared in a different form to two of them who were walking along in the countryside. ¹³ When they returned, they reported it to the others, but they didn't believe them. ¹⁴ Finally he appeared to the eleven while they were eating. Jesus criticized their unbelief and stubbornness because they didn't believe those who saw him after he was raised up. ¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to every creature. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be

saved, but whoever doesn't believe will be condemned.

¹⁷ These signs will be associated with those who believe: they will throw out demons in my name. They will speak in new languages. ¹⁸ They will pick up snakes with their hands. If they drink anything poisonous, it will not hurt them. They will place their hands on the sick, and they will get well."

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus spoke to them, he was lifted up into heaven and sat down on the right side of God. ²⁰ But they went out and proclaimed the message everywhere. The Lord worked with them, confirming the word by the signs associated with them.]]

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* 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.

* **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.

* **Tuesday in Easter Week**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

* PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* PRAYER FOR THE MISSION of the CHURCH

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and 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, 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.**

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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**

“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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