

Monday, May 16, 2022

*On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

\* **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.  
**Satisfy us in the morning  
with your steadfast love, O God,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

\* OSL

\* **CANTICLE OF THE RESURRECTION**

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
not with the old leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

**Christ being raised from the dead  
will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death he died, he died to sin, once for all,  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

*So consider yourselves dead to sin  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. \* OSL*

\* **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 56** NRSV

***In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I am not afraid.***

<sup>1</sup> Be gracious to me, O God, for people trample on me;  
all day long foes oppress me;

<sup>2</sup> my enemies trample on me all day long,  
for many fight against me.

O Most High, <sup>3</sup> when I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.

<sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I am not afraid;  
what can flesh do to me?

<sup>5</sup> All day long they seek to injure my cause;  
all their thoughts are against me for evil.

<sup>6</sup> They stir up strife, they lurk,  
they watch my steps.

As they hoped to have my life,

<sup>7</sup> so repay them for their crime;  
in wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

<sup>8</sup> You have kept count of my tossings;  
put my tears in your bottle.

Are they not in your record?

<sup>9</sup> Then my enemies will retreat  
in the day when I call.

This I know, that God is for me.

<sup>10</sup> In God, whose word I praise,  
in the LORD, whose word I praise,

<sup>11</sup> in God I trust; I am not afraid.

What can a mere mortal do to me?

<sup>12</sup> My vows to you I must perform, O God;  
I will render thank offerings to you.

<sup>13</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
and my feet from falling,  
so that I may walk before God  
in the light of life.

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

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in God I trust; I am not afraid.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** CEB

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about people who have died so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope. <sup>14</sup> Since we believe that Jesus died and rose,

so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. <sup>15</sup> What we are saying is a message from the Lord: we who are alive and still around at the Lord's coming definitely won't go ahead of those who have died. <sup>16</sup> This is because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with the signal of a shout by the head angel and a blast on God's trumpet. First, those who are dead in Christ will rise. <sup>17</sup> Then, we who are living and still around will be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet with the Lord in the air. That way we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> So encourage each other with these words.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING:** **Matthew 6:1-6,16-18** CEB

"Be careful that you don't practice your religion in front of people to draw their attention. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> "Whenever you give to the poor, don't blow your trumpet as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so

that they may get praise from people. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing <sup>4</sup> so that you may give to the poor in secret. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> "When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> "And when you fast, don't put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They distort their faces so people will know they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward. <sup>17</sup> When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. <sup>18</sup> Then you won't look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

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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.

\* 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.*

\* PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE

*Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help;*

*that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..*

\* A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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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