

Monday, May 30, 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**

Righteousness and justice

are the foundation of your throne;

steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

- ¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all
generations.
- ² I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
- ³ You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
- ⁴ ‘I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.’” *Selah*
- ⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
- ⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
- ⁷ a God feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and awesome above all that are around him?
- ⁸ O LORD God of hosts,
who is as mighty as you, O LORD?
Your faithfulness surrounds you.
- ⁹ You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.

- ¹⁰ You crushed Rahab like a carcass;
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- ¹¹ The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it—you have founded them.
- ¹² The north and the south — you created them;
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.
- ¹³ You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.
- ¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your
throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;
- ¹⁶ they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.
- ¹⁸ For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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

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steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **1ST READING:** **Ephesians 3:1-13** CEB

This is why I, Paul, am a prisoner of Christ for you Gentiles.

² You've heard, of course, about the responsibility to distribute God's grace, which God gave to me for you, right?

³ God showed me his secret plan in a revelation, as I mentioned briefly before (⁴ when you read this, you'll understand my insight into the secret plan about Christ).

⁵ Earlier generations didn't know this hidden plan that God has now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets through the Spirit. ⁶ This plan is that the Gentiles would be coheirs and parts of the same body, and that they would share with the Jews in the promises of God in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ I became a servant of the gospel because of the grace that God showed me through the exercise of his power.

⁸ God gave his grace to me, the least of all God's people, to preach the good news about the immeasurable riches of Christ to the Gentiles. ⁹ God sent me to reveal the secret plan that had been hidden since the beginning of time by God, who created everything. ¹⁰ God's purpose is now to

show the rulers and powers in the heavens the many different varieties of his wisdom through the church. ¹¹ This was consistent with the plan he had from the beginning of time that he accomplished through Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹² In Christ we have bold and confident access to God through faith in him. ¹³ So then, I ask you not to become discouraged by what I'm suffering for you, which is your glory.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **GOSPEL READING:** **Matthew 8:5-17** CEB

⁵ When Jesus went to Capernaum, a centurion approached, ⁶ pleading with him, "Lord, my servant is flat on his back at home, paralyzed, and his suffering is awful."

⁷ Jesus responded, "I'll come and heal him."

⁸ But the centurion replied, "Lord, I don't deserve to have you come under my roof. Just say the word and my servant will be healed. ⁹ I'm a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,'

and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and the servant does it."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was impressed and said to the people following him, "I say to you with all seriousness that even in Israel I haven't found faith like this. ¹¹ I say to you that there are many who will come from east and west and sit down to eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the children of the kingdom will be thrown outside into the darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth." ¹³ Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; it will be done for you just as you have believed." And his servant was healed that very moment.

¹⁴ Jesus went home with Peter and saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. ¹⁵ He touched her hand, and the fever left her. Then she got up and served them. ¹⁶ That evening people brought to Jesus many who were demon-possessed. He threw the spirits out with just a word. He healed everyone who was sick. ¹⁷ This happened so that what Isaiah the prophet said would be fulfilled: *He is the one who took our illnesses and carried away our diseases.*

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.*

* PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this fellowship family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* PRAYER FOR IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; 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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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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