

Monday, May 9, 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 41** NRSV

***O LORD, be gracious to me and heal me;***

***O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up.***

Happy are those who consider the poor;

the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD protects them and keeps them alive;

they are called happy in the land.

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD sustains them on their sickbed;

in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

<sup>4</sup> As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;

heal me, for I have sinned against you."

<sup>5</sup> My enemies wonder in malice

when I will die, and my name perish.

<sup>6</sup> And when they come to see me, they utter empty words,

while their hearts gather mischief;

when they go out, they tell it abroad.

<sup>7</sup> All who hate me whisper together about me;

they imagine the worst for me.

<sup>8</sup> They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me,

that I will not rise again from where I lie.

<sup>9</sup> Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted,

who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me.

<sup>10</sup> But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,  
and raise me up, that I may repay them.

<sup>11</sup> By this I know that you are pleased with me;  
because my enemy has not triumphed over me.

<sup>12</sup> But you have upheld me because of my integrity,  
and set me in your presence forever.

<sup>13</sup> Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen and Amen.

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

***O LORD, be gracious to me and heal me;***

***O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** **Colossians 3:18-4:18** CEB

<sup>18</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands in a way that is appropriate in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and don't be harsh with them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, because this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Parents, don't

provoke your children in a way that ends up discouraging them.

<sup>22</sup> Slaves, obey your masters on earth in everything. Don't just obey like people pleasers when they are watching.

Instead, obey with the single motivation of fearing the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people. <sup>24</sup> You know that you will receive an inheritance as a reward. You serve the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup> But evildoers will receive their reward for their evil actions. There is no discrimination.

<sup>4</sup> Masters, be just and fair to your slaves, knowing that you yourselves have a master in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> Keep on praying and guard your prayers with thanksgiving.

<sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray for us also. Pray that God would open a door for the word so we can preach the secret plan of Christ—which is why I'm in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I might be able to make it as clear as I ought to when I preach. <sup>5</sup> Act

wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

<sup>6</sup> Your speech should always be gracious and sprinkled with insight so that you may know how to respond to every person.

<sup>7</sup> Tychicus, our dearly loved brother, faithful minister, and fellow slave in the Lord, will inform you about everything that has happened to me. <sup>8</sup> This is why I sent him to you, so that

you'll know all about us and so he can encourage your hearts. <sup>9</sup> I sent him with Onesimus, our faithful and dearly loved brother, who is one of you. They will let you know about everything here.

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, says hello to you. So does Mark, Barnabas' cousin (you received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him). <sup>11</sup> Jesus, called Justus, also says hello. These are my only fellow workers for God's kingdom who are Jewish converts. They have been an encouragement to me. <sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of you, says hello. He's a slave of Christ Jesus who always wrestles for you in prayers so that you will stand firm and be fully mature and complete in the entire will of God. <sup>13</sup> I can vouch for him that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup> Luke, the dearly loved physician, and Demas say hello.

<sup>15</sup> Say hello to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, along with Nympha and the church that meets in her house. <sup>16</sup> After this letter has been read to you publicly, make sure that the church in Laodicea reads it and that you read the one from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup> And tell Archippus, "See to it that you complete the ministry that you received in the Lord."

<sup>18</sup> I, Paul, am writing this greeting personally. Remember that I'm in prison. Grace be with you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING:** **Matthew 5:1-10** CEB

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> He taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

<sup>4</sup> “Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

<sup>5</sup> “Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

<sup>7</sup> “Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God’s children.

<sup>10</sup> “Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

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 A PERSON IN TROUBLE

***O merciful Father, who has taught us in your holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: Look with pity upon the sorrows of you servants for whom our prayers are offered. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy, nourish their souls with patience, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, lift up your countenance upon them, and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\* FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for all future generations. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, 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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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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