

Saturday, May 14, 2022

*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

\* **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**

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:

**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 55](#) NRSV

***But I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.***

***Evening and morning and at noon***

***I utter my complaint and moan,***

***and he will hear my voice.***

<sup>1</sup> Give ear to my prayer, O God;  
do not hide yourself from my supplication.

<sup>2</sup> Attend to me, and answer me;  
I am troubled in my complaint.

I am distraught <sup>3</sup> by the noise of the enemy,  
because of the clamor of the wicked.

For they bring trouble upon me,  
and in anger they cherish enmity against me.

<sup>4</sup> My heart is in anguish within me,  
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

<sup>5</sup> Fear and trembling come upon me,  
and horror overwhelms me.

<sup>6</sup> And I say, "O that I had wings like a dove!  
I would fly away and be at rest;

<sup>7</sup> truly, I would flee far away;

I would lodge in the wilderness; *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> I would hurry to find a shelter for myself  
from the raging wind and tempest."

<sup>9</sup> Confuse, O Lord, confound their speech;  
for I see violence and strife in the city.

<sup>10</sup> Day and night they go around it  
on its walls,

and iniquity and trouble are within it;

<sup>11</sup> ruin is in its midst;

oppression and fraud

do not depart from its marketplace.

<sup>12</sup> It is not enemies who taunt me—  
I could bear that;

it is not adversaries who deal insolently with me—  
I could hide from them.

<sup>13</sup> But it is you, my equal,  
my companion, my familiar friend,

<sup>14</sup> with whom I kept pleasant company;  
we walked in the house of God with the throng.

<sup>15</sup> Let death come upon them;  
let them go down alive to Sheol;  
for evil is in their homes and in their hearts.

<sup>16</sup> But I call upon God,  
and the LORD will save me.

<sup>17</sup> Evening and morning and at noon  
I utter my complaint and moan,  
and he will hear my voice.

<sup>18</sup> He will redeem me unharmed  
from the battle that I wage,  
for many are arrayed against me.

<sup>19</sup> God, who is enthroned from of old, *Selah*  
will hear, and will humble them—  
because they do not change,  
and do not fear God.

<sup>20</sup> My companion laid hands on a friend  
and violated a covenant with me

<sup>21</sup> with speech smoother than butter,  
but with a heart set on war;  
with words that were softer than oil,  
but in fact were drawn swords.

<sup>22</sup> Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit  
the righteous to be moved.

<sup>23</sup> But you, O God, will cast them down  
into the lowest pit;  
the bloodthirsty and treacherous  
shall not live out half their days.  
But I will trust in you.

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

***But I call upon God, and the LORD will save me.  
Evening and morning and at noon  
I utter my complaint and moan,  
and he will hear my voice.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 CEB

So then, brothers and sisters, we ask and encourage you  
in the Lord Jesus to keep living the way you already are  
and even do better in how you live and please God—just  
as you learned from us. <sup>2</sup> You know the instructions we  
gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> God's will is that your  
lives are dedicated to him. This means that you stay away

from sexual immorality <sup>4</sup> and learn how to control your own body in a pure and respectable way. <sup>5</sup> Don't be controlled by your sexual urges like the Gentiles who don't know God. <sup>6</sup> No one should mistreat or take advantage of their brother or sister in this issue. The Lord punishes people for all these things, as we told you before and sternly warned you. <sup>7</sup> God didn't call us to be immoral but to be dedicated to him. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, whoever rejects these instructions isn't rejecting a human authority. They are rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

<sup>9</sup> You don't need us to write about loving your brothers and sisters because God has already taught you to love each other. <sup>10</sup> In fact, you are doing loving deeds for all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. Now we encourage you, brothers and sisters, to do so even more. <sup>11</sup> Aim to live quietly, mind your own business, and earn your own living, just as I told you. <sup>12</sup> That way you'll behave appropriately toward outsiders, and you won't be in need.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:38-48** CEB

<sup>38</sup> "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.* <sup>39</sup> But I say to you that you must not oppose those who want to hurt you. If people slap you on your right cheek, you must turn the left cheek to them as well. <sup>40</sup> When they wish to haul you to court and take your shirt, let them have your coat too. <sup>41</sup> When they force you to go one mile, go with them two. <sup>42</sup> Give to those who ask, and don't refuse those who wish to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, *You must love your neighbor* and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you <sup>45</sup> so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

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.*

\* PRAYER FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion  
prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and  
he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together  
in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body  
by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom  
you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives  
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

\* PRAYERS FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

*O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning  
and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and  
confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your  
Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may*

***be still and know that you are God; 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, 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**

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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