

Thursday, May 12, 2022

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1*

\* **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.**

PSALM 90:14

\* **CANTICLE OF THE RESURRECTION**

*Alleluia! 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.  
Alleluia!*

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\* **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

***Dawn from on high,  
Your light illumines all our days.  
Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.  
Be merciful in us for the sake of others. Make us  
fearless when confronting injustice and need, that we  
may give you glory in the power of the Spirit. Amen.***

\* **Psalm 50** NRSV

***Call on me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.***

- <sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.
- <sup>3</sup> Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.
- <sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- <sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones,

- who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge. *Selah*
- <sup>7</sup> "Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.
- <sup>8</sup> Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- <sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house,  
or goats from your folds.
- <sup>10</sup> For every wild animal of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.
- <sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the air,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- <sup>12</sup> "If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the world and all that is in it is mine.
- <sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?
- <sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and pay your vows to the Most High.
- <sup>15</sup> Call on me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

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<sup>23</sup> Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;

to those who go the right way

I will show the salvation of God.”

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,

one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Call on me in the day of trouble;***

***I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20** CEB

<sup>13</sup> We also thank God constantly for this: when you accepted God’s word that you heard from us, you welcomed it for what it truly is. Instead of accepting it as a human message, you accepted it as God’s message, and it continues to work in you who are believers. <sup>14</sup> Brothers and sisters, you became imitators of the churches of God in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus. This was because you also suffered the same things from your own people as they did from the Jews. <sup>15</sup> They killed both the Lord

Jesus and the prophets and drove us out. They don’t please God, and they are hostile to the entire human race <sup>16</sup> when they try to stop us from speaking to the Gentiles so they can be saved. Their sins are constantly pushing the limit. God’s wrath has caught up with them in the end.

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, we were separated from you for a while physically but not in our hearts. We made every effort in our desire to see you again face-to-face. <sup>18</sup> We wanted to come to you—I, Paul, tried over and over again—and Satan stopped us. <sup>19</sup> What is our hope, joy, or crown that we can brag about in front of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Isn’t it all of you? <sup>20</sup> You are our glory and joy!

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Matthew 5:21-26** CEB

<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to those who lived long ago, *Don’t commit murder*, and all who commit murder will

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be in danger of judgment. <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with their brother or sister will be in danger of judgment. If they say to their brother or sister, 'You idiot,' they will be in danger of being condemned by the governing council. And if they say, 'You fool,' they will be in danger of fiery hell. <sup>23</sup> Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift at the altar and go. First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Be sure to make friends quickly with your opponents while you are with them on the way to court. Otherwise, they will haul you before the judge, the judge will turn you over to the officer of the court, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> I say to you in all seriousness that you won't get out of there until you've paid the very last penny.

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**

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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 forgiveness of sins,*  
*the resurrection of the body,*  
*and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\* 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,*

\* **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, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* FOR THE VICTIMS OF ADDICTION

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction

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have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

\* FOR ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS

***Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

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:***

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***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**

“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord  
and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.  
They are like trees planted along a riverbank,  
with roots that reach deep into the water.  
Such trees are not bothered by the heat  
or worried by long months of drought.  
Their leaves stay green,  
and they never stop producing fruit.” **Amen.** Jeremiah 17:7-8

## Morning Prayer

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