

Thursday, May 19, 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 71](#) NRSV

***For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.***

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.

<sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup> Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

<sup>7</sup> I have been like a portent to many,  
but you are my strong refuge.

<sup>8</sup> My mouth is filled with your praise,  
and with your glory all day long.

<sup>9</sup> Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

<sup>10</sup> For my enemies speak concerning me,  
and those who watch for my life consult together.

<sup>11</sup> They say, "Pursue and seize that person  
whom God has forsaken,  
for there is no one to deliver."

<sup>12</sup> O God, do not be far from me;  
O my God, make haste to help me!

<sup>13</sup> Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed;  
let those who seek to hurt me  
be covered with scorn and disgrace.

<sup>14</sup> But I will hope continually,  
and will praise you yet more and more.

<sup>15</sup> My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,  
of your deeds of salvation all day long,

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though their number is past my knowledge.

<sup>16</sup> I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God,  
I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

<sup>17</sup> O God, from my youth you have taught me,  
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

<sup>18</sup> So even to old age and gray hairs,  
O God, do not forsake me,  
until I proclaim your might  
to all the generations to come.

Your power <sup>19</sup> and your righteousness, O God,  
reach the high heavens.

You who have done great things,  
O God, who is like you?

<sup>20</sup> You who have made me see many troubles and  
calamities  
will revive me again;

from the depths of the earth  
you will bring me up again.

<sup>21</sup> You will increase my honor,  
and comfort me once again.

<sup>22</sup> I will also praise you with the harp  
for your faithfulness, O my God;  
I will sing praises to you with the lyre,

O Holy One of Israel.

<sup>23</sup> My lips will shout for joy  
when I sing praises to you;  
my soul also, which you have rescued.

<sup>24</sup> All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help,  
for those who tried to do me harm  
have been put to shame, and disgraced.

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

***For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12** CEB

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy:

To the church of the Thessalonians, which is in God our  
Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

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<sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, we must always thank God for you. This is only right because your faithfulness is growing by leaps and bounds, and the love that all of you have for each other is increasing. <sup>4</sup> That's why we ourselves are bragging about you in God's churches. We tell about your endurance and faithfulness in all the harassments and trouble that you have put up with. <sup>5</sup> This shows that God's judgment is right, and that you will be considered worthy of God's kingdom for which you are suffering. <sup>6</sup> After all, it's right for God to pay back the ones making trouble for you with trouble <sup>7</sup> and to pay back you who are having trouble with relief along with us. This payback will come when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels. <sup>8</sup> He will give justice with blazing fire to those who don't recognize God and don't obey the good news of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction away from the Lord's presence and away from his mighty glory. <sup>10</sup> This will happen when he comes on that day to receive honor from his holy people and to be admired by everyone who has believed—and our testimony to you was believed.

<sup>11</sup> We are constantly praying for you for this: that our God will make you worthy of his calling and accomplish every good desire and faithful work by his power. <sup>12</sup> Then the

name of our Lord Jesus will be honored by you, and you will be honored by him, consistent with the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** **Matthew 6:25-34** CEB

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? <sup>27</sup> Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. <sup>29</sup> But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of

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these. <sup>30</sup> If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' <sup>32</sup> Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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*.

\* **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)*

\* 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 JOY IN GOD'S CREATION

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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\* PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

***Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; 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

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:

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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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