

Monday, June 6, 2022

\* **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 OF THANKSGIVING**

It is good to give thanks to the *LORD*,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most *High*;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithful-ness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the *harp*,  
to the melody of the lyre.

**For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are ver-y deep!

Psalm 92:1-5

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and  
move and have our being, you created us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in  
you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of  
purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from  
knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In  
your light may we see life clearly and, in your service,  
find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

St. Augustine

\* **Psalm 57** NRSV

**God will send forth his steadfast love  
and his faithfulness.**

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
until the destroying storms pass by.

<sup>2</sup> I cry to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me,  
he will put to shame those who trample on me. *Selah*  
God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.

<sup>4</sup> I lie down among lions  
that greedily devour human prey;  
their teeth are spears and arrows,  
their tongues sharp swords.

<sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let your glory be over all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> They set a net for my steps;  
my soul was bowed down.  
They dug a pit in my path,  
but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah*

<sup>7</sup> My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast.  
I will sing and make melody.

<sup>8</sup> Awake, my soul!  
Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn.

<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

<sup>10</sup> For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;  
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  
Let your glory be over all the earth.

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

***God will send forth his steadfast love  
and his faithfulness.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Galatians 4:12-20** CEB

<sup>12</sup> I beg you to be like me, brothers and sisters, because I  
have become like you! You haven't wronged me. <sup>13</sup> You  
know that I first preached the gospel to you because of an  
illness. <sup>14</sup> Though my poor health burdened you, you didn't  
look down on me or reject me, but you welcomed me as if I  
were an angel from God, or as if I were Christ Jesus!

<sup>15</sup> Where then is the great attitude that you had? I swear that,

if possible, you would have dug out your eyes and given them to me. <sup>16</sup> So then, have I become your enemy by telling you the truth? <sup>17</sup> They are so concerned about you, though not with good intentions. Rather, they want to shut you out so that you would run after them. <sup>18</sup> However, it's always good to have people concerned about you with good intentions, and not just when I'm there with you. <sup>19</sup> My little children, I'm going through labor pains again until Christ is formed in you. <sup>20</sup> But I wish I could be with you now and change how I sound, because I'm at a loss about you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28** CEB

<sup>21</sup> From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." <sup>23</sup> But he didn't respond to her at all. His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us."

<sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel."

<sup>25</sup> But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me."

<sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs."

<sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table."

<sup>28</sup> Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

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)*

\* PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those we lift today, that *their* weaknesses may be banished and *their* strength restored; and that with health being renewed, *all* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR TOWNS and RURAL AREAS

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas especially here in Atlantic County; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYER AGAINST DEPRESSION by St. Ignatius of Loyola

O Christ Jesus  
When all is darkness  
And we feel our weakness and helplessness,  
Give us the sense of Your Presence,  
Your Love and Your Strength.  
Help us to have perfect trust  
In Your protecting love  
And strengthening power,  
So that nothing may frighten or worry us,  
For, living close to You,  
We shall see Your Hand,  
Your Purpose, Your Will through all things. ***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, who on this past Sunday taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; 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:  
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**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. ***Amen.***

# Morning Prayer

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