

Saturday, June 25, 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 WISDOM**

Wisdom has built her house, setting up seven pillars.  
She has prepared the food and wine and set her table.

**She has sent out her servants  
to call out from the Heights above the city:**

"Let those who want enlightenment come.  
Come, taste my bread and drink my spiced wine.

**Give up your foolishness and live,  
And walk the path of understanding."**

If you are wise, your reward is wisdom;  
If you teach the just, they grow in understanding.  
**Wisdom begins with reverence for God,  
and knowledge of the holy one is insight.**

\* OSL

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

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**

[UM Book of Worship.]

\* [Psalm 107:33-43](#) NRSV

***Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things,  
carefully considering the LORD's faithful love.***

<sup>33</sup> God turns rivers into desert,  
watery springs into thirsty ground,  
<sup>34</sup> fruitful land into unproductive dirt,  
when its inhabitants are wicked.  
<sup>35</sup> But God can also turn the desert into watery pools,  
thirsty ground into watery springs,  
<sup>36</sup> where he settles the hungry.  
They even build a city and live there!  
<sup>37</sup> They plant fields and vineyards  
and obtain a fruitful harvest.  
<sup>38</sup> God blesses them, and they become many.  
God won't even let their cattle diminish.  
<sup>39</sup> But when they do diminish—  
when they're brought down by oppression, trouble, and  
grief—  
<sup>40</sup> God pours contempt on their leaders,  
making them wander aimlessly in the wastelands.  
<sup>41</sup> But God raises the needy from their suffering;  
he makes their families as numerous as sheep!

<sup>42</sup> Those who do right see it and celebrate,  
but every wicked person shuts their mouth.  
<sup>43</sup> Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things,  
carefully considering the LORD's faithful love.

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

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carefully considering the LORD's faithful love.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Romans 6:1-11** CEB

So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? <sup>2</sup> Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together

in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, <sup>7</sup> because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. <sup>10</sup> He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. <sup>11</sup> In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11** CEB

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey

tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. <sup>4</sup> Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, <sup>5</sup> *Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring."* <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

<sup>8</sup> Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "*Hosanna* to the Son of David! *Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna* in the highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. <sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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\* 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)*

\* FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

***Gracious God, as your son wept with Mary and Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, look with compassion this day on those who grieve. Grant them the assurance of your presence now and faith in your eternal goodness, that in them may be fulfilled the promise that those who mourn shall be comforted; 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.***

\* 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.***

\* A COLLECT FOR SATURDAYS

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your

sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; 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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of

your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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