

Thursday, June 30, 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.

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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

\* **MORNING CANTICLE OF JOY**

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;

serve the LORD with gladness

and come before God's presence with a song.

***Know this: The LORD is God; the LORD has made us,***

***and we belong to the One who created us;***

***we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.***

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;

go into God's courts with praise;

give thanks to God and call upon God's Name.

***For the LORD is good;***

***God's mercy is everlasting;***

***and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.***

PSALM 100

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;

***And also with you.***

Let us pray:

***Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy***

***thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts,***

***which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts,***

***which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.***

***Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding***

***to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find***

***you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you;***

***through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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\* [Psalm 131](#) NRSV

***O Israel, hope in the LORD***

***from this time on and forevermore.***

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,  
my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.

<sup>2</sup> But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

<sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD  
from this time on and forevermore.

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

***O Israel, hope in the LORD***

***from this time on and forevermore.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Romans 8:1-11** CEB

So now there isn't any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> God has done what was impossible for the Law, since it was weak because of selfishness. God condemned sin in the body by sending his own Son to deal with sin in the same body as humans, who are controlled by sin. <sup>4</sup> He did this so that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us. Now the way we live is based on the Spirit, not based on selfishness. <sup>5</sup> People whose lives are based on selfishness think about selfish things, but people whose lives are based on the Spirit think about things that are related to the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. <sup>7</sup> So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. <sup>8</sup> People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. <sup>10</sup> If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives

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in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Matthew 22:1-14** CEB

Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn’t want to come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants and said to them, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Look, the meal is all prepared. I’ve butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything’s ready. Come to the wedding party!’” <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. <sup>6</sup>The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

<sup>7</sup>“The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren’t worthy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.’

<sup>10</sup>“Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. <sup>11</sup>Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn’t wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup>He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to his servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.’

<sup>14</sup>“Many people are invited, but few people are chosen.”

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***Thanks be to God!***

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\* **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,***

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***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 A SICK PERSON

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask you to recognize, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to live the remainder of their lives in your awe, and to your glory; and grant that

finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* FOR PEACE

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR CONGRESS

***O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We implore you so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled and in the Legislature of this State, that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

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\* **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, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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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