

Thursday, June 9, 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 70** NRSV

***Let all who seek you***

***rejoice and be glad in you.***

***Let those who love your salvation***

***say evermore, "God is great!"***

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O LORD, make haste to help me!

<sup>2</sup> Let those be put to shame and confusion

who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor

who desire to hurt me.

<sup>3</sup> Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"

turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup> Let all who seek you

rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation

say evermore, "God is great!"

<sup>5</sup> But I am poor and needy;

hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not delay!

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

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

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***rejoice and be glad in you.***

***Let those who love your salvation***

***say evermore, "God is great!"***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Galatians 5:16-24** CEB

<sup>16</sup> I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. <sup>17</sup> A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. <sup>19</sup> The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, <sup>21</sup> jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

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<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

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\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Matthew 16:13-20** CEB

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Human One is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> He said, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus replied, “Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. <sup>18</sup> I tell you that you are Peter. And I’ll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won’t be able to stand against it. <sup>19</sup> I’ll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***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**

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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.*

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\* **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 THE HARVEST OF LANDS AND WATERS

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all things living with abundance: Bless the lands and

waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR THE POOR AND THE NEGLECTED

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,***

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*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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
**Amen.**

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## Morning Prayer

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