

Friday, July 8, 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** - *The First Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.***  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.

***And on that day you shall say,***

***Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;***  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
***Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great  
things, and this is known in all the world.***  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:2-6

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

***New every morning is your love, great God of light,  
and all day long you are working for good in the world.  
Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with  
our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our  
Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.***

\* **Psalm 16** NRSV

***I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.***

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I keep the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

<sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

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in the night also my heart instructs me.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Romans 10:1-13** CEB

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire is for Israel's salvation. That's my prayer to God for them. <sup>2</sup> I can vouch for them: they are enthusiastic about God. However, it isn't informed by knowledge. <sup>3</sup> They don't submit to God's righteousness because they don't understand his righteousness, and they try to establish their own righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Christ is the goal of the Law, which leads to righteousness for all who have faith in God.

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law: *The person who does these things will live by them.*

<sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this:

*Don't say in your heart, "Who will go up into heaven?"* (that is, to bring Christ down)<sup>7</sup> or *"Who will go down into the region below?"* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* (that is, the message of faith that we preach).<sup>9</sup> Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>10</sup> Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation.<sup>11</sup> The scripture says, *All who have faith in him won't be put to shame.*<sup>12</sup> There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him.<sup>13</sup> *All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.*

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:15-31** CEB

<sup>15</sup> "When you see the disgusting and destructive thing that Daniel talked about standing in the holy place (the reader

should understand this),<sup>16</sup> then those in Judea must escape to the mountains.<sup>17</sup> Those on the roof shouldn't come down to grab things from their houses.<sup>18</sup> Those in the field shouldn't come back to grab their clothes.<sup>19</sup> How terrible it will be at that time for women who are pregnant and for women who are nursing their children.<sup>20</sup> Pray that it doesn't happen in winter or on the Sabbath day.<sup>21</sup> There will be great suffering such as the world has never before seen and will never again see.<sup>22</sup> If that time weren't shortened, nobody would be rescued. But for the sake of the ones whom God chose, that time will be cut short.

<sup>23</sup> "Then if somebody says to you, 'Look, here's the Christ,' or 'He's over here,' don't believe it.<sup>24</sup> False christs and false prophets will appear, and they will offer great signs and wonders in order to deceive, if possible, even those whom God has chosen.<sup>25</sup> Look, I've told you ahead of time.<sup>26</sup> So if they say to you, 'Look, he's in the desert,' don't go out. And if they say, 'Look, he's in the rooms deep inside the house,' don't believe it.<sup>27</sup> Just as the lightning flashes from the east to the west, so it will be with the coming of the Human One.<sup>28</sup> The vultures gather wherever there's a dead body.

<sup>29</sup> "Now immediately after the suffering of that time the sun will become dark, and the moon won't give its light. The stars will fall from the sky and the planets and other heavenly

bodies will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Human One will appear in the sky. At that time all the tribes of the earth will be full of sadness, and they will see *the Human One coming in the heavenly clouds* with power and great splendor. <sup>31</sup> He will send his angels with the sound of a great trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from the four corners of the earth, from one end of the sky to the other.

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*. LUKE 1:68-79

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)*

\* PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

\* PRAYERS FOR THE GREATER NJ CONFERENCE

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Greater New Jersey Conference to a sizable fellowship of faith. Bless Bishop Schol, our District Superintendents, other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP – adapted

\* PRAYERS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

*Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; 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 FOR FRIDAY

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

\* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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**

May God strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches  
of his glory through the Spirit, and may Christ live in your  
hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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