

Monday, July 18, 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 52** NRSV

**In the presence of the faithful**

**I will proclaim your name, for it is good.**

<sup>1</sup> Why do you boast, O mighty one,  
of mischief done against the godly?  
All day long <sup>2</sup> you are plotting destruction.  
Your tongue is like a sharp razor,  
you worker of treachery.

<sup>3</sup> You love evil more than good,  
and lying more than speaking the truth. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> You love all words that devour,  
O deceitful tongue.

<sup>5</sup> But God will break you down forever;  
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;  
he will uproot you from the land of the living. *Selah*

<sup>6</sup> The righteous will see, and fear,  
and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,

<sup>7</sup> “See the one who would not take  
refuge in God,  
but trusted in abundant riches,  
and sought refuge in wealth!”

<sup>8</sup> But I am like a green olive tree  
in the house of God.  
I trust in the steadfast love of God  
forever and ever.

<sup>9</sup> I will thank you forever,  
because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful  
I will proclaim your name, for it is good.  
Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***In the presence of the faithful***  
***I will proclaim your name, for it is good.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Romans 13:8-14** CEB

<sup>8</sup> Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, *Don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have*, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself.* <sup>10</sup> Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

<sup>11</sup> As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. <sup>12</sup> The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the

actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. <sup>13</sup> Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. <sup>14</sup> Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 26:36-46** CEB

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to the disciples, "Stay here while I go and pray over there." <sup>37</sup> When he took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, he began to feel sad and anxious. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert with me." <sup>39</sup> Then he went a short distance farther and fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it's possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want."

<sup>40</sup> He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you stay alert one hour with me?"

<sup>41</sup> Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> A second time he went away and prayed, "My Father, if it's not possible that this cup be taken away unless I drink it, then let it be what you want."

<sup>43</sup> Again he came and found them sleeping. Their eyes were heavy with sleep. <sup>44</sup> But he left them and again went and prayed the same words for the third time. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to his disciples and said to them, "Will you sleep and rest all night? Look, the time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Get up. Let's go. Look, here comes my betrayer."

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 THE OPPRESSED

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of

the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we ask you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who have become family. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kind hearted one to another; 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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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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