

Monday, July 4, 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 3** NRSV

**But you, O LORD, are a shield around me,  
my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.**

O LORD, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

<sup>2</sup> many are saying to me,

“There is no help for you in God.” *Selah*

<sup>3</sup> But you, O LORD, are a shield around me,  
my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

<sup>4</sup> I cry aloud to the LORD,  
and he answers me from his holy hill. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> I lie down and sleep;  
I wake again, for the LORD sustains me.

<sup>6</sup> I am not afraid of ten thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.

<sup>7</sup> Rise up, O LORD!  
Deliver me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;  
you break the teeth of the wicked.

<sup>8</sup> Deliverance belongs to the LORD;  
may your blessing be on your people! *Selah*

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

***But you, O LORD, are a shield around me,  
my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Romans 8:26-30** CEB

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. <sup>27</sup> The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will. <sup>28</sup> We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> We know this because God knew them in advance, and he decided in advance that they would be conformed to the image of his Son. That way his Son would be the first of many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> Those who God decided in advance would be conformed to his Son, he also called. Those whom he called, he also made righteous. Those whom he made righteous, he also glorified.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 23:1-12** CEB

Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and his disciples, <sup>2</sup> “The legal experts and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, you must take care to do everything they say. But don’t do what they do. <sup>4</sup> For they tie together heavy packs that are impossible to carry. They put them on the shoulders of others, but are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup> Everything they do, they do to be noticed by others. They make extra-wide prayer bands for their arms and long tassels for their clothes. <sup>6</sup> They love to sit in places of honor at banquets and in the synagogues. <sup>7</sup> They love to be greeted with honor in the markets and to be addressed as ‘Rabbi.’ <sup>8</sup> “But you shouldn’t be called *Rabbi*, because you have one teacher, and all of you are brothers and sisters. <sup>9</sup> Don’t call anybody on earth your father, because you have one Father, who is heavenly. <sup>10</sup> Don’t be called *teacher*, because Christ is your one teacher. <sup>11</sup> But the one who is greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup> All who lift themselves up will be brought low. But all who make themselves low will be lifted up.

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  
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.**

\* PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

*Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen.*

\* PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we pray, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 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**

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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