

Saturday, July 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. * 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 WISDOM**

Wisdom has built her house, setting up seven pillars.
She has prepared the food and wine and set her table.

She has sent out her servants
to call out from the Heights above the city:

"Let those who want enlightenment come.
Come, taste my bread and drink my spiced wine.

Give up your foolishness and live,
And walk the path of understanding."

If you are wise, your reward is wisdom;
If you teach the just, they grow in understanding.
Wisdom begins with reverence for God,
and knowledge of the holy one is insight.

* OSL

* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

Let us pray:
Oh God, The Holy Spirit,
come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew, and refresh;
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to
our great good and to your greater glory;
and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

[UM Book of Worship.]

* **Psalm 76** NRSV

***But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.***

- ¹ In Judah God is known;
his name is great in Israel.
- ² His abode has been established in Salem,
his dwelling place in Zion.
- ³ There he broke the flashing arrows,
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. *Selah*
- ⁴ Glorious are you, more majestic
than the everlasting mountains.
- ⁵ The courageous were stripped of their spoil;
they sank into sleep;
none of the troops
was able to lift a hand.
- ⁶ At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,
both rider and horse lay stunned.
- ⁷ But you indeed are awesome!
Who can stand before you
when your anger is roused?
- ⁸ From the heavens you uttered judgment;
the earth feared and was still

- ⁹ when God rose up to establish judgment,
to save all the oppressed of the earth. *Selah*
- ¹⁰ Human wrath serves only to praise you,
when you bind the last bit of your wrath around you.
- ¹¹ Make vows to the LORD your God and perform them;
let all who are around him bring gifts
to the one who is awesome,
¹² who cuts off the spirit of princes,
who inspires fear in the kings of the earth.

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

***But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.***

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **1st READING: Acts 2:22-36** CEB

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man whose credentials God proved to you through miracles, wonders, and signs, which God

performed through him among you. You yourselves know this.²³ In accordance with God's established plan and foreknowledge, he was betrayed. You, with the help of wicked men, had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross.²⁴ God raised him up! God freed him from death's dreadful grip, since it was impossible for death to hang on to him.

²⁵ David says about him,

I foresaw that the Lord was always with me;

because he is at my right hand I won't be shaken.

²⁶ *Therefore, my heart was glad*

and my tongue rejoiced.

Moreover, my body will live in hope,

²⁷ *because you won't abandon me to the grave,
nor permit your holy one to experience decay.*

²⁸ *You have shown me the paths of life;*

your presence will fill me with happiness.

²⁹ "Brothers and sisters, I can speak confidently about the patriarch David. He died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this very day.³⁰ Because he was a prophet, he knew that God promised him with a solemn pledge to seat one of his descendants on his throne.³¹ Having seen this beforehand, David spoke about the resurrection of Christ, that *he wasn't abandoned to the grave, nor did his body*

*experience decay.*³² This Jesus God raised up. We are all witnesses to that fact.³³ He was exalted to God's right side and received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit. He poured out this Spirit, and you are seeing and hearing the results of his having done so.³⁴ David didn't ascend into heaven. Yet he says,

The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right side,

³⁵ *until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'*

³⁶ "Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:11-20** CEB

¹¹ Now as the women were on their way, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened.¹² They met with the elders and decided to give a large sum of money to the soldiers.

¹³ They told them, “Say that Jesus’ disciples came at night and stole his body while you were sleeping. ¹⁴ And if the governor hears about this, we will take care of it with him so you will have nothing to worry about.” ¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were told. And this report has spread throughout all Judea to this very day.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

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* 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)*

* FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

*Gracious God, as your son wept with Mary and
Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, look with compassion
this day on those who grieve. Grant them the
assurance of your presence now and faith in your
eternal goodness, that in them may be fulfilled the
promise that those who mourn shall be comforted;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

* PRAYER FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

* PRAYERS FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* A COLLECT FOR SATURDAYS

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly

anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; 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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply

upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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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