

Saturday, July 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. \* 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 20** NRSV

***The LORD answer you in the day of trouble,  
our pride is in the name of the LORD our God!***

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary,  
and give you support from Zion.

<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings,  
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire,  
and fulfill all your plans.

<sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your victory,  
and in the name of our God set up our banners.  
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with mighty victories by his right hand.

<sup>7</sup> Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,  
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

<sup>8</sup> They will collapse and fall,  
but we shall rise and stand upright.

<sup>9</sup> Give victory to the king, O LORD;  
answer us when we call.

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

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\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Romans 10:14-21** CEB

<sup>14</sup> So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher?

<sup>15</sup> And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*

<sup>16</sup> But everyone hasn't obeyed the good news. As Isaiah says, *Lord, who has had faith in our message?* <sup>17</sup> So, faith comes from listening, but it's listening by means of Christ's message. <sup>18</sup> But I ask you, didn't they hear it? Definitely! *Their voice has gone out into the entire earth, and their*

*message has gone out to the corners of the inhabited world.* <sup>19</sup> But I ask you again, didn't Israel understand? First, Moses says, *I will make you jealous of those who aren't a people, of a people without understanding.* <sup>20</sup> And Isaiah even dares to say, *I was found by those who didn't look for me; I revealed myself to those who didn't ask for me.* <sup>21</sup> But he says about Israel, *All day long I stretched out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.*

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL: Matthew 24:32-51** CEB

<sup>32</sup> "Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, when you see all these things, you know that the Human One is near, at the door. <sup>34</sup> I assure you that this generation won't pass away until all these things happen. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

<sup>36</sup> "But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the heavenly angels and not the Son. Only the Father knows. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the time of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Human One. <sup>38</sup> In those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. <sup>39</sup> They didn't know what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. The coming of the Human One will be like that. <sup>40</sup> At that time there will be two men in the field. One will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill. One will be taken and the other left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay alert! You don't know what day the Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But you understand that if the head of the house knew at what time the thief would come, he would keep alert and wouldn't allow the thief to break into his house. <sup>44</sup> Therefore, you also should be prepared, because the Human One will come at a time you don't know.

<sup>45</sup> "Who then are the faithful and wise servants whom their master puts in charge of giving food at the right time to those who live in his house? <sup>46</sup> Happy are those servants whom the master finds fulfilling their responsibilities when he comes. <sup>47</sup> I assure you that he will put them in charge of all his possessions. <sup>48</sup> But suppose those bad servants

should say to themselves, My master won't come until later. <sup>49</sup> And suppose they began to beat their fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunks? <sup>50</sup> The master of those servants will come on a day when they are not expecting him, at a time they couldn't predict. <sup>51</sup> He will cut them in pieces and put them in a place with the hypocrites. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

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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)*

\* 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.***

\* FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

\* PRAYERS FOR UNITY OF THE CHURCH

*O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and harmony; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; 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, 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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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