

Wednesday, July 13, 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 Second Song of Isaiah*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.
***Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;***

And let them turn to the Lord,
and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

***For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.***

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

***For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,***

Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

***So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;***

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:6-11

* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

**Dawn from on high,
Your light illumines all our days.
Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.
Be merciful in us for the sake of others.
Make us fearless when confronting injustice and
need, that we may give you glory in the power of the
Spirit. Amen.**

* For All the Saints

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* [Psalm 38](#) NRSV

***O my God, do not be far from me;
make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.***

¹ O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.

² For your arrows have sunk into me,
and your hand has come down on me.

³ There is no soundness in my flesh
because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones
because of my sin.

⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my head;
they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.

⁵ My wounds grow foul and fester
because of my foolishness;

⁶ I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
all day long I go around mourning.

⁷ For my loins are filled with burning,
and there is no soundness in my flesh.

⁸ I am utterly spent and crushed;
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

⁹ O Lord, all my longing is known to you;
my sighing is not hidden from you.

¹⁰ My heart throbs, my strength fails me;
as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.

¹¹ My friends and companions stand aloof from my
affliction,
and my neighbors stand far off.

¹² Those who seek my life lay their snares;
those who seek to hurt me speak of ruin,
and meditate treachery all day long.

¹³ But I am like the deaf, I do not hear;
like the mute, who cannot speak.

¹⁴ Truly, I am like one who does not hear,
and in whose mouth is no retort.

¹⁵ But it is for you, O LORD, that I wait;
it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

¹⁶ For I pray, "Only do not let them rejoice over me,
those who boast against me when my foot slips."

¹⁷ For I am ready to fall,
and my pain is ever with me.

¹⁸ I confess my iniquity;
I am sorry for my sin.

¹⁹ Those who are my foes without cause are mighty,
and many are those who hate me wrongfully.

²⁰ Those who render me evil for good
are my adversaries because I follow after good.

²¹ Do not forsake me, O LORD;
O my God, do not be far from me;

²² make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation.

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

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make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.***

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* **1st READING: Romans 11:25-36** CEB

²⁵ I don't want you to be unaware of this secret, brothers
and sisters. That way you won't think too highly of
yourselves. A part of Israel has become resistant until the
full number of the Gentiles comes in. ²⁶ In this way, all
Israel will be saved, as it is written:

The deliverer will come from Zion.

He will remove ungodly behavior from Jacob.

²⁷ *This is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins.*

²⁸ According to the gospel, they are enemies for your
sake, but according to God's choice, they are loved for the
sake of their ancestors. ²⁹ God's gifts and calling can't be
taken back. ³⁰ Once you were disobedient to God, but now
you have mercy because they were disobedient. ³¹ In the
same way, they have also been disobedient because of
the mercy that you received, so now they can receive
mercy too. ³² God has locked up all people in
disobedience, in order to have mercy on all of them.

³³ God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge are so deep!
They are as mysterious as his judgments, and they are as
hard to track as his paths!

³⁴ *Who has known the Lord's mind?
Or who has been his mentor?*

³⁵ *Or who has given him a gift
and has been paid back by him?*

³⁶ All things are from him and through him and for him.
May the glory be to him forever. Amen.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

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* **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46** CEB

³¹ "Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and
all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic
throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in front of him.
He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the

sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his
left.

³⁴ "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you
who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the
kingdom that was prepared for you before the world
began. ³⁵ I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was
thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you
welcomed me. ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothes to
wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison
and you visited me.'

³⁷ "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord,
when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and
give you a drink? ³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger
and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear?
³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ "Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that
when you have done it for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from
me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the
unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his
angels. ⁴² I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat.
I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. ⁴³ I

was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

⁴⁴ "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.'

⁴⁶ And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

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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*.

* **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, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* PRAYERS FOR THE GOOD USE OF LEISURE

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* PRAYER FOR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S CREATION

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of 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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through 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 amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the
extravagant love of God, and the intimate friendship of the
Holy Spirit, be with all of you. **Amen.**

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