

Wednesday, July 27, 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 72](#) NRSV

***Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.***

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
<sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.  
<sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
<sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.  
<sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
<sup>8</sup> May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> May his foes bow down before him,  
and his enemies lick the dust.  
<sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.  
<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.  
<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.  
<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

<sup>15</sup> Long may he live!

May gold of Sheba be given to him.

May prayer be made for him continually,  
and blessings invoked for him all day long.

<sup>16</sup> May there be abundance of grain in the land;

may it wave on the tops of the mountains;  
may its fruit be like Lebanon;

and may people blossom in the cities  
like the grass of the field.

<sup>17</sup> May his name endure forever,

his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him;

may they pronounce him happy.

<sup>18</sup> Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

who alone does wondrous things.

<sup>19</sup> Blessed be his glorious name forever;

may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

<sup>20</sup> The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

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

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who alone does wondrous things.***

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\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Acts 1:1-14** CEB

Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, <sup>2</sup> right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom.

<sup>4</sup> While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me:

<sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup> As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority.

<sup>8</sup> Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup> While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus’ son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James’ son— <sup>14</sup> all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

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\* **GOSPEL: Matthew 27:45-54** CEB

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark. <sup>46</sup> At about three Jesus cried out with a loud shout, “*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani,*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you left me?”

<sup>47</sup> After hearing him, some standing there said, “He’s calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup> One of them ran over, took a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a pole. He offered it to Jesus to drink.

<sup>49</sup> But the rest of them said, “Let’s see if Elijah will come and save him.”

<sup>50</sup> Again Jesus cried out with a loud shout. Then he died.

<sup>51</sup> Look, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split, <sup>52</sup> and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised.

<sup>53</sup> After Jesus’ resurrection they came out of their graves and went into the holy city where they appeared to many

people. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and what had just happened, they were filled with awe and said, "This was certainly God's Son."

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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.*

\* FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* FOR FRUITFUL SEASONS

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may

always give you thanks; 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, 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 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.**

## Morning Prayer

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