

Friday, August 19, 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 First Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.***  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.

***And on that day you shall say,***

***Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;***  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
***Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great  
things, and this is known in all the world.***  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:2-6

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

***New every morning is your love, great God of light,  
and all day long you are working for good in the world.  
Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with  
our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our  
Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.***

\* **Psalm 142** NRSV

***I cry to you, O LORD, I say, “You are my refuge,  
When my spirit is faint, you know my way.***

<sup>1</sup> With my voice I cry to the LORD;  
with my voice I make supplication to the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> I pour out my complaint before him;  
I tell my trouble before him.

<sup>3</sup> When my spirit is faint,  
you know my way.

In the path where I walk  
they have hidden a trap for me.

<sup>4</sup> Look on my right hand and see—  
there is no one who takes notice of me;  
no refuge remains to me;  
no one cares for me.

<sup>5</sup> I cry to you, O LORD;  
I say, “You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living.”

<sup>6</sup> Give heed to my cry,  
for I am brought very low.

Save me from my persecutors,  
for they are too strong for me.

<sup>7</sup> Bring me out of prison,  
so that I may give thanks to your name.

The righteous will surround me,  
for you will deal bountifully with me.

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: Acts 9:1-9** CEV

Saul kept on threatening to kill the Lord's followers. He even went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked for letters to the leaders of the synagogues in Damascus. He did this because he wanted to arrest and take to Jerusalem any man or woman who had accepted the Lord's Way. <sup>3</sup> When Saul had almost reached Damascus, a bright light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, “Saul! Saul! Why are you so cruel to me?”

<sup>5</sup> “Who are you?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus,” the Lord answered. “I am the one you are so cruel to. <sup>6</sup> Now get up and go into the city, where you will be told what to do.”

<sup>7</sup> The men with Saul stood there speechless. They had heard the voice, but they had not seen anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and when he opened his eyes, he could not see a thing. Someone then led him by the hand to Damascus, <sup>9</sup> and for three days he was blind and did not eat or drink.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING:** John 6:27-40 CEV

<sup>27</sup> Don't work for food that spoils. Work for food that gives eternal life. The Son of Man will give you this food, because God the Father has given him the right to do so."

<sup>28</sup> "What exactly does God want us to do?" the people asked.

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "God wants you to have faith in the one he sent."

<sup>30</sup> They replied, "What miracle will you work, so that we can have faith in you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> For example, when our ancestors were in the desert, they were given manna to

eat. It happened just as the Scriptures say, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

<sup>32</sup> Jesus then told them, "I tell you for certain that Moses wasn't the one who gave you bread from heaven. My Father is the one who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> And the bread that God gives is the one who came down from heaven to give life to the world."

<sup>34</sup> The people said, "Sir, give us this bread and don't ever stop!"

<sup>35</sup> Jesus replied:

I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry. No one who has faith in me will ever be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> I have told you already that you have seen me and still do not have faith in me. <sup>37</sup> Everything and everyone that the Father has given me will come to me, and I won't turn any of them away.

<sup>38</sup> I didn't come from heaven to do what I want! I came to do what the Father wants me to do. He sent me, <sup>39</sup> and he wants to make certain that none of the ones he has given me will be lost. Instead, he wants me to raise them to life on the last day. <sup>40</sup> My Father wants everyone who sees the Son to have faith in him and to have eternal life. Then I will raise them to life on the last day.

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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*. LUKE 1:68-79

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)*

\* PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have

confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

\* COMMEMORATIVE PRAYER –

Jonathan Myrick Daniels (1965)

Fearless Jesus who suffered a baptism of blood, as we celebrate Jonathan Myrick Daniels who confessed your name in the face of the spiritual forces of wickedness and death-dealing scorn, renew in us our baptismal promise to reject evil, to resist injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves, and to openly confess you as Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

\* *For All the Saints*

\* PRAYERS FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

***O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially administrators and teachers continuing to adjust in this time of pandemic recovery, that they may be strong centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be***

***the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

***Amen.***

\* PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; 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 FOR FRIDAY

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. ***Amen.***

\* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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**

May God strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches  
of his glory through the Spirit, and may Christ live in your  
hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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