

Friday, August 5, 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.***

***O LORD, God of my salvation,  
at night, I cry out in your presence.***

O LORD, God of my salvation,  
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,  
<sup>2</sup> let my prayer come before you;  
incline your ear to my cry.  
<sup>3</sup> For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.  
<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;  
I am like those who have no help,  
<sup>5</sup> like those forsaken among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,  
like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.  
<sup>6</sup> You have put me in the depths of the Pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.  
<sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. *Selah*  
<sup>8</sup> You have caused my companions to shun me;  
you have made me a thing of horror to them.  
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;  
<sup>9</sup> my eye grows dim through sorrow.  
Every day I call on you, O LORD;

I spread out my hands to you.

- <sup>10</sup> Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Do the shades rise up to praise you? *Selah*  
<sup>11</sup> Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,  
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?  
<sup>12</sup> Are your wonders known in the darkness,  
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?  
<sup>13</sup> But I, O LORD, cry out to you;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
<sup>14</sup> O LORD, why do you cast me off?  
Why do you hide your face from me?  
<sup>15</sup> Wretched and close to death from my youth up,  
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.  
<sup>16</sup> Your wrath has swept over me;  
your dread assaults destroy me.  
<sup>17</sup> They surround me like a flood all day long;  
from all sides they close in on me.  
<sup>18</sup> You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;  
my companions are in darkness.

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

***O LORD, God of my salvation,  
at night, I cry out in your presence.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Acts 4:13-31** CEV

<sup>13</sup> The officials were amazed to see how brave Peter and John were, and they knew that these two apostles were only ordinary men and not well educated. The officials were certain these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But they could not deny what had happened. The man who had been healed was standing there with the apostles.

<sup>15</sup> The officials commanded them to leave the council room. Then the officials said to each other, <sup>16</sup> "What can we do with these men? Everyone in Jerusalem knows about this miracle, and we cannot say it didn't happen. <sup>17</sup> But to keep this thing from spreading, we will warn them never again to speak to anyone about the name of Jesus." <sup>18</sup> So they called the two apostles back in and told them they must never, for any reason, teach anything about the name of Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> Peter and John answered, "Do you think God wants us to obey you or to obey him? <sup>20</sup> We cannot keep quiet about what we have seen and heard."

<sup>21-22</sup> The officials could not find any reason to punish Peter and John. So they threatened them and let them go. The man who was healed by this miracle was more than 40 years old, and everyone was praising God for what had happened.

<sup>23</sup> As soon as Peter and John had been set free, they went back and told the others everything the chief priests and the leaders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> When the rest of the Lord's followers heard this, they prayed together and said:

Master, you created heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup> And by the Holy Spirit you spoke to our ancestor David. He was your servant, and you told him to say:

"Why are all the Gentiles  
so furious?

Why do people  
make foolish plans?

<sup>26</sup> The kings of earth  
prepare for war,  
and the rulers  
join together  
against the Lord  
and his Messiah."

<sup>27</sup> Here in Jerusalem, Herod and Pontius Pilate got together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel. Then they turned against your holy Servant Jesus, your chosen Messiah.

<sup>28</sup> They did what you in your power and wisdom had already decided would happen.

<sup>29</sup> Lord, listen to their threats! We are your servants. So make us brave enough to speak your message. <sup>30</sup> Show your mighty power, as we heal people and work miracles and wonders in the name of your holy Servant Jesus.

<sup>31</sup> After they had prayed, the meeting place shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and bravely spoke God's message.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING:** John 2:2-12 CEB

<sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration.

<sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet."

<sup>5</sup> His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did.

<sup>9</sup> The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom <sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup> After this, Jesus and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there for a few days.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

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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.

\* FOR PEACE

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR CONGRESS

***O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We implore you so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled and in the Legislature of this State, that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; 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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your

help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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**

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.**

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