

Monday, August 8, 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 THANKSGIVING**

It is good to give thanks to the *LORD*,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most *High*;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithful-ness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the *harp*,  
to the melody of the lyre.

**For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are ver-y deep!

Psalm 92:1-5

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One\* be with you;

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and  
move and have our being, you created us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in  
you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of  
purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from  
knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In  
your light may we see life clearly and, in your service,  
find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

St. Augustine

\* **Psalm 89:1-18** NRSV

**Righteousness and justice**

***are the foundation of your throne;***

***steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.***

- <sup>1</sup> I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
- <sup>3</sup> You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:
- <sup>4</sup> ‘I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.’” *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
- <sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
- <sup>7</sup> a God feared in the council of the holy ones,  
great and awesome above all that are around him?
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts,  
who is as mighty as you, O LORD?  
Your faithfulness surrounds you.
- <sup>9</sup> You rule the raging of the sea;  
when its waves rise, you still them.
- <sup>10</sup> You crushed Rahab like a carcass;  
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

- <sup>11</sup> The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;  
the world and all that is in it—you have founded them.
- <sup>12</sup> The north and the south — you created them;  
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.
- <sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm;  
strong is your hand, high your right hand.
- <sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;
- <sup>16</sup> they exult in your name all day long,  
and extol your righteousness.
- <sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup> For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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

***Righteousness and justice***

***are the foundation of your throne;***

***steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Acts 5:12-26** CEV

<sup>12</sup> The apostles worked many miracles and wonders among the people. All of the Lord's followers often met in the part of the temple known as Solomon's Porch. <sup>13</sup> No one outside their group dared join them, even though everyone liked them very much.

<sup>14</sup> Many men and women started having faith in the Lord.

<sup>15</sup> Then sick people were brought out to the road and placed on mats. It was hoped that Peter would walk by, and his shadow would fall on them and heal them. <sup>16</sup> A lot of people living in the towns near Jerusalem brought those who were sick or troubled by evil spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup> The high priest and all the other Sadducees who were with him became jealous. <sup>18</sup> They arrested the apostles and put them in the city jail. <sup>19</sup> But that night an angel from the Lord opened the doors of the jail and led the apostles out. The angel said, <sup>20</sup> "Go to the temple and tell the people everything about this new life." <sup>21</sup> So they went into the temple before sunrise and started teaching.

The high priest and his men called together their council, which included all of Israel's leaders. Then they ordered the

apostles to be brought to them from the jail. <sup>22</sup> The temple police who were sent to the jail did not find the apostles. They returned and said, <sup>23</sup> "We found the jail locked tight and the guards standing at the doors. But when we opened the doors and went in, we didn't find anyone there." <sup>24</sup> The captain of the temple police and the chief priests listened to their report, but they did not know what to think about it.

<sup>25</sup> Just then someone came in and said, "Now those men you put in jail are in the temple, teaching the people!" <sup>26</sup> The captain went with some of the temple police and brought the apostles back. But they did not use force. They were afraid that the people might start throwing stones at them.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-21** CEV

There was a man named Nicodemus who was a Pharisee and a Jewish leader. <sup>2</sup> One night he went to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, we know that God has sent you to teach us. You could not work these miracles, unless God were with you."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you for certain that you must be born from above before you can see God's kingdom!"

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus asked, "How can a grown man ever be born a second time?"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered:

I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God. <sup>7</sup> Don't be surprised when I say that you must be born from above.

<sup>8</sup> Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going.

<sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied:

How can you be a teacher of Israel and not know these things? <sup>11</sup> I tell you for certain we know what we are talking about because we have seen it ourselves. But none of you will accept what we say. <sup>12</sup> If you don't believe when I talk to you about things on earth, how can you possibly believe if I talk to you about things in heaven?

<sup>13</sup> No one has gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from there. <sup>14</sup> And the Son of Man must be

lifted up, just as the metal snake was lifted up by Moses in the desert. <sup>15</sup> Then everyone who has faith in the Son of Man will have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. <sup>17</sup> God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! <sup>18</sup> No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned. But everyone who doesn't have faith in him has already been condemned for not having faith in God's only Son.

<sup>19</sup> The light has come into the world, and people who do evil things are judged guilty because they love the dark more than the light. <sup>20</sup> People who do evil hate the light and won't come to the light, because it clearly shows what they have done. <sup>21</sup> But everyone who lives by the truth will come to the light, because they want others to know that God is really the one doing what they do.

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*.

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)*

\* PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those we lift today, that *their* weaknesses may be banished and *their* strength restored; and that with health being renewed, *all* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which

infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYER FOR the President of the United States  
and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. ***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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

# Morning Prayer

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