

Saturday, August 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 OF WISDOM**

Wisdom has built her house, setting up seven pillars.  
She has prepared the food and wine and set her table.

**She has sent out her servants  
to call out from the Heights above the city:**

"Let those who want enlightenment come.  
Come, taste my bread and drink my spiced wine.

**Give up your foolishness and live,  
And walk the path of understanding."**

If you are wise, your reward is wisdom;  
If you teach the just, they grow in understanding.  
**Wisdom begins with reverence for God,  
and knowledge of the holy one is insight.**

\* OSL

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

Let us pray:  
Oh God, The Holy Spirit,  
come to us, and among us;  
come as the wind, and cleanse us;  
come as the fire, and burn;  
come as the dew, and refresh;  
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to  
our great good and to your greater glory;  
and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

[UM Book of Worship.]

\* [Psalm 107:33-43](#) NRSV

***Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things,  
carefully considering the LORD's faithful love.***

<sup>33</sup> God turns rivers into desert,  
watery springs into thirsty ground,  
<sup>34</sup> fruitful land into unproductive dirt,  
when its inhabitants are wicked.  
<sup>35</sup> But God can also turn the desert into watery pools,  
thirsty ground into watery springs,  
<sup>36</sup> where he settles the hungry.  
They even build a city and live there!  
<sup>37</sup> They plant fields and vineyards  
and obtain a fruitful harvest.  
<sup>38</sup> God blesses them, and they become many.  
God won't even let their cattle diminish.  
<sup>39</sup> But when they do diminish—  
when they're brought down by oppression, trouble, and  
grief—  
<sup>40</sup> God pours contempt on their leaders,  
making them wander aimlessly in the wastelands.  
<sup>41</sup> But God raises the needy from their suffering;  
he makes their families as numerous as sheep!

<sup>42</sup> Those who do right see it and celebrate,  
but every wicked person shuts their mouth.

<sup>43</sup> Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things,  
carefully considering the LORD's faithful love.

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

***Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things,  
carefully considering the LORD's faithful love.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Acts 7:30-43** CEV

<sup>30</sup> Forty years later, an angel appeared to Moses from a  
burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. <sup>31</sup> Moses  
was surprised by what he saw. He went closer to get a  
better look, and the Lord said, <sup>32</sup> "I am the God who was  
worshiped by your ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and  
Jacob." Moses started shaking all over and didn't dare to  
look at the bush.

<sup>33</sup> The Lord said to him, "Take off your sandals, because the place where you are standing is holy. <sup>34</sup> With my own eyes I have seen the suffering of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groans and have come down to rescue them. Now I am sending you back to Egypt."

<sup>35</sup> This was the same Moses that the people rejected by saying, "Who made you our leader and judge?" God's angel had spoken to Moses from the bush. And God had even sent the angel to help Moses rescue the people and be their leader.

<sup>36</sup> In Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the desert, Moses rescued the people by working miracles and wonders for 40 years. <sup>37</sup> Moses is the one who told the people of Israel, "God will choose one of your people to be a prophet, just as he chose me." <sup>38</sup> Moses brought our people together in the desert, and the angel spoke to him on Mount Sinai. There he was given these life-giving words to pass on to us. <sup>39</sup> But our ancestors refused to obey Moses. They rejected him and wanted to go back to Egypt.

<sup>40</sup> The people said to Aaron, "Make some gods to lead us! Moses led us out of Egypt, but we don't know what's happened to him now." <sup>41</sup> Then they made an idol in the

shape of a calf. They offered sacrifices to the idol and were pleased with what they had done.

<sup>42</sup> God turned his back on his people and left them. Then they worshiped the stars in the sky, just as it says in the Book of the Prophets, "People of Israel, you didn't offer sacrifices and offerings to me during those 40 years in the desert. <sup>43</sup> Instead, you carried the tent where the god Molech is worshiped, and you took along the star of your god Rephan. You made those idols and worshiped them. So now I will have you carried off beyond Babylonia."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL: John 5:1-18** CEV

Later, Jesus went to Jerusalem for another Jewish festival. <sup>2</sup> In the city near the sheep gate was a pool with five porches, and its name in Hebrew was Bethzatha.

<sup>3-4</sup> Many sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed people were lying close to the pool.

<sup>5</sup> Beside the pool was a man who had been sick for 38 years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw the man and realized that he had been crippled for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to be healed?”

<sup>7</sup> The man answered, “Sir, I don’t have anyone to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up. I try to get in, but someone else always gets there first.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus told him, “Pick up your mat and walk!” <sup>9</sup> Right then the man was healed. He picked up his mat and started walking around. The day on which this happened was a Sabbath.

<sup>10</sup> When the Jewish leaders saw the man carrying his mat, they said to him, “This is the Sabbath! No one is allowed to carry a mat on the Sabbath.”

<sup>11</sup> But he replied, “The man who healed me told me to pick up my mat and walk.”

<sup>12</sup> They asked him, “Who is this man that told you to pick up your mat and walk?” <sup>13</sup> But he did not know who Jesus was, and Jesus had left because of the crowd.

<sup>14</sup> Later, Jesus met the man in the temple and told him, “You are now well. But don’t sin anymore or something worse might happen to you.” <sup>15</sup> The man left and told the

leaders that Jesus was the one who had healed him.

<sup>16</sup> They started making a lot of trouble for Jesus because he did things like this on the Sabbath.

<sup>17</sup> But Jesus said, “My Father has never stopped working, and this is why I keep on working.” <sup>18</sup> Now the leaders wanted to kill Jesus for two reasons. First, he had broken the law of the Sabbath. But even worse, he had said God was his Father, which made him equal with God.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **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)*

\* FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

***Gracious God, as your son wept with Mary and Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, look with compassion this day on those who grieve. Grant them the assurance of your presence now and faith in your eternal goodness, that in them may be fulfilled the promise that those who mourn shall be comforted; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\* COMMEMORATIVE PRAYER –

Florence Nightingale - Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910.  
Life-giving God, you alone have power over life and death, over health and sickness: Give power, wisdom, and gentleness to those who follow the lead of Florence Nightingale, that they, bearing with them your presence, may not only heal but bless, and shine as lanterns of hope

in the darkest hours of pain and fear; through Jesus Christ, the healer of body and soul, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*\* Holy Women, Holy Men*

\* CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace: and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

\* A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

***O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night***

***comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\* A COLLECT FOR SATURDAYS

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; 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 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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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