

Tuesday, August 2, 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 PRAISE**

Come, let us sing to the Holy One;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
***Let us come before God's presence  
with thanksgiving,  
and raise a loud shout with psalms.***

For you, O God, are a great God,  
you are great above all gods.  
***In your hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.***

The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.  
***Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before God, our Maker.***

For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture  
and the sheep of your hand.  
***Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!***

**\* MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

***We give you hearty thanks for the rest of the past night  
and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of  
pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in  
the perfect freedom of your service, that at eventide we  
may again give thanks unto you. Amen.***

\* [Psalm 78:1-8](#) NRSV

***Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.***

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
<sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.  
<sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.  
<sup>5</sup> He established a decree in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors  
to teach to their children;  
<sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and rise up and tell them to their children,  
<sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;

<sup>8</sup> and that they should not be like their ancestors,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

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

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incline your ears to the words of my mouth.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Acts 3:1-11** CEB

Peter and John were going up to the temple at three o'clock in the afternoon, the established prayer time.  
<sup>2</sup> Meanwhile, a man crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day, people would place him at the temple gate known as the Beautiful Gate so he could ask for money from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he began to ask them for a gift.  
<sup>4</sup> Peter and John stared at him. Peter said, "Look at us!"  
<sup>5</sup> So the man gazed at them, expecting to receive

something from them. <sup>6</sup> Peter said, "I don't have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk!" <sup>7</sup> Then he grasped the man's right hand and raised him up. At once his feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> Jumping up, he began to walk around. He entered the temple with them, walking, leaping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> All the people saw him walking and praising God. <sup>10</sup> They recognized him as the same one who used to sit at the temple's Beautiful Gate asking for money. They were filled with amazement and surprise at what had happened to him.

<sup>11</sup> While the healed man clung to Peter and John, all the people rushed toward them at Solomon's Porch, completely amazed.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** John 1:19-28 CEB

<sup>19</sup> This is John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup> John confessed (he didn't deny but confessed), "I'm not the Christ."

<sup>21</sup> They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

John said, "I'm not."

"Are you the prophet?"

John answered, "No."

<sup>22</sup> They asked, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

<sup>23</sup> John replied,

*"I am a voice crying out in the wilderness,*

*Make the Lord's path straight,*

*just as the prophet Isaiah said."*

<sup>24</sup> Those sent by the Pharisees <sup>25</sup> asked, "Why do you baptize if you aren't the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

<sup>26</sup> John answered, "I baptize with water. Someone greater stands among you, whom you don't recognize. <sup>27</sup> He comes after me, but I'm not worthy to untie his sandal

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straps.”<sup>28</sup> This encounter took place across the Jordan in Bethany where John was baptizing.

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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)*

\* FOR HEALTH OF BODY AND SOUL

For those we have lifted up today, may God the Father

bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit  
give you strength. May God the holy and undivided  
Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring  
you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and  
reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

\* PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE

***Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most  
gracious favor, and further us with your continual  
help; that in all our works begun, continued, and  
ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and  
finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..***

\* A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is  
hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where  
there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where  
there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so  
much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood  
as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving

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that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **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

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**

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. **Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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