

Saturday, October 1, 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:

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*.

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carefully considering the LORD's faithful love.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Acts 22:17-29** NRSV

<sup>17</sup> 'After I had returned to Jerusalem and while I was  
praying in the temple, I fell into a trance <sup>18</sup>and saw Jesus

saying to me, "Hurry and get out of Jerusalem quickly,  
because they will not accept your testimony about me."

<sup>19</sup>And I said, "Lord, they themselves know that in every  
synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in

you. <sup>20</sup>And while the blood of your witness Stephen was  
shed, I myself was standing by, approving and keeping

the coats of those who killed him.” <sup>21</sup>Then he said to me, “Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.” ’

<sup>22</sup> Up to this point they listened to him, but then they shouted, ‘Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live.’ <sup>23</sup>And while they were shouting, throwing off their cloaks, and tossing dust into the air, <sup>24</sup>the tribune directed that he was to be brought into the barracks, and ordered him to be examined by flogging, to find out the reason for this outcry against him. <sup>25</sup>But when they had tied him up with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, ‘Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who is uncondemned?’ <sup>26</sup>When the centurion heard that, he went to the tribune and said to him, ‘What are you about to do? This man is a Roman citizen.’ <sup>27</sup>The tribune came and asked Paul, ‘Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?’ And he said, ‘Yes.’ <sup>28</sup>The tribune answered, ‘It cost me a large sum of money to get my citizenship.’ Paul said, ‘But I was born a citizen.’ <sup>29</sup>Immediately those who were about to examine him drew back from him; and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38** NRSV

<sup>27</sup> ‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> ‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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)*

\* 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.*

\* PRAYERS FOR TOWNS and RURAL AREAS

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed  
the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places:  
Grant that your presence and power may be known  
throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live  
and work in rural areas especially here in Atlantic County;  
and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks

to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. **Amen.**

\* PRAYER AGAINST DEPRESSION by St. Ignatius of Loyola

O Christ Jesus

When all is darkness

And we feel our weakness and helplessness,

Give us the sense of Your Presence,

Your Love and Your Strength.

Help us to have perfect trust

In Your protecting love

And strengthening power,

So that nothing may frighten or worry us,

For, living close to You,

We shall see Your Hand,

Your Purpose, Your Will through all things. **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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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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