

Wednesday, September 14, 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 Second Song of Isaiah*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;

call upon him when he draws near.

***Let the wicked forsake their ways***

***and the evil ones their thoughts;***

And let them turn to the Lord,

and he will have compassion,

and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

***For my thoughts are not your thoughts,***

***nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.***

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

***For as rain and snow fall from the heavens***

***and return not again, but water the earth,***

Bringing forth life and giving growth,

seed for sowing and bread for eating,

***So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;***

***it will not return to me empty;***

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,

and prosper in that for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:6-11

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One be with you;

***And also with you.***

Let us pray:

**Dawn from on high,  
Your light illumines all our days.  
Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.  
Be merciful in us for the sake of others.  
Make us fearless when confronting injustice and  
need, that we may give you glory in the power of the  
Spirit. Amen.**

\* For All the Saints

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* [Psalm 72](#) NRSV

***Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.***

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
<sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.  
<sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
<sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.  
<sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
<sup>8</sup> May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> May his foes bow down before him,  
and his enemies lick the dust.  
<sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.  
<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.  
<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.  
<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

<sup>15</sup> Long may he live!

May gold of Sheba be given to him.

May prayer be made for him continually,

and blessings invoked for him all day long.

<sup>16</sup> May there be abundance of grain in the land;

may it wave on the tops of the mountains;

may its fruit be like Lebanon;

and may people blossom in the cities

like the grass of the field.

<sup>17</sup> May his name endure forever,

his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him;

may they pronounce him happy.

<sup>18</sup> Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

who alone does wondrous things.

<sup>19</sup> Blessed be his glorious name forever;

may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

<sup>20</sup> The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,

one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,***

***who alone does wondrous things.***

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\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Acts 16:16-24** NRSV

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

<sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out,

‘These men are slaves of the Most High God, who

proclaim to you a way of salvation.’ <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this

for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and

said to the spirit, ‘I order you in the name of Jesus Christ

to come out of her.’ And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When

they had brought them before the magistrates, they said,

‘These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and

are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as

Romans to adopt or observe.’ <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in

attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

<sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them

securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL: John 12:20-26** NRSV

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

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*.

\* **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, the strength of the weak and the comfort of  
sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to  
those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that*

***their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\* FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

\* PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

***Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly pray to you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with***

***thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask 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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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, and the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. **Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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