

Saturday, November 5, 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 75** NRSV

***We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks; your name is near.***

<sup>1</sup> We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks; your name is near.  
People tell of your wondrous deeds.

<sup>2</sup> At the set time that I appoint  
I will judge with equity.

<sup>3</sup> When the earth totters, with all its inhabitants,  
it is I who keep its pillars steady. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> I say to the boastful, "Do not boast,"  
and to the wicked, "Do not lift up your horn;

<sup>5</sup> do not lift up your horn on high,  
or speak with insolent neck."

<sup>6</sup> For not from the east or from the west  
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up;

<sup>7</sup> but it is God who executes judgment,  
putting down one and lifting up another.

<sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup  
with foaming wine, well mixed;  
he will pour a draught from it,  
and all the wicked of the earth  
shall drain it down to the dregs.

<sup>9</sup> But I will rejoice forever;  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,  
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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

***We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks; your name is near.***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>st</sup> READING: Revelation 18:1-14** NRSV

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven,  
having great authority; and the earth was made bright with  
his splendor. <sup>2</sup>He called out with a mighty voice,  
'Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

It has become a dwelling-place of demons,  
a haunt of every foul spirit,  
a haunt of every foul bird,

a haunt of every foul and hateful beast.

<sup>3</sup> For all the nations have drunk

of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,  
and the kings of the earth have committed fornication  
with her,

and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the  
power of her luxury.'

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

'Come out of her, my people,

so that you do not take part in her sins,  
and so that you do not share in her plagues;

<sup>5</sup> for her sins are heaped high as heaven,  
and God has remembered her iniquities.

<sup>6</sup> Render to her as she herself has rendered,

and repay her double for her deeds;  
mix a double draught for her in the cup she mixed.

<sup>7</sup> As she glorified herself and lived luxuriously,

so give her a like measure of torment and grief.

Since in her heart she says,

"I rule as a queen;

I am no widow,

and I will never see grief",

<sup>8</sup> therefore her plagues will come in a single day—

pestilence and mourning and famine—

and she will be burned with fire;

for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.'

<sup>9</sup> And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication  
and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her  
when they see the smoke of her burning; <sup>10</sup>they will stand  
far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

'Alas, alas, the great city,

Babylon, the mighty city!

For in one hour your judgement has come.'

<sup>11</sup> And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for  
her, since no one buys their cargo any more, <sup>12</sup>cargo of  
gold, silver, jewels and pearls, fine linen, purple, silk and  
scarlet, all kinds of scented wood, all articles of ivory, all  
articles of costly wood, bronze, iron, and marble,  
<sup>13</sup>cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine,  
olive oil, choice flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses  
and chariots, slaves—and human lives.

<sup>14</sup> 'The fruit for which your soul longed

has gone from you,

and all your dainties and your splendor

are lost to you,

never to be found again!'

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL: Luke 14:1-11** NRSV

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>2</sup>Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?' <sup>4</sup>But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>Then he said to them, 'If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?' <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to this.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who

invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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.***

\* PRAYERS FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

***O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially administrators and teachers continuing to adjust in this time of pandemic recovery, that they may be strong centers for sound***

***learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\* PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; 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**

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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