Wednesday, November 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 - 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.

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

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

¹⁵ 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.
- ¹⁶ 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.
- ¹⁷ 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.

- ¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.
- ²⁰ The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.
- Glory to you, O Trinity, most <u>holy</u> and *blessed*, one God, now and for-<u>ever</u>, A-*men*.

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* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* 1st READING: Revelation 16:1-11 NRSV

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, 'Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.'

2 So the first angel went and poured his bowl on the earth, and a foul and painful sore came on those who had the mark of the beast and who worshipped its image.

3 The second angel poured his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing in the sea died.

4 The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. ⁵And I heard the angel of the waters say,

- 'You are just, O Holy One, who are and were,
 - for you have judged these things;
- ⁶ because they shed the blood of saints and prophets, you have given them blood to drink.

It is what they deserve!'

⁷And I heard the altar respond,

'Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, your judgements are true and just!'

8 The fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire; ⁹they were scorched by the fierce heat, but they cursed the name of God, who had authority over these plagues, and they did not repent and give him glory.

10 The fifth angel poured his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness; people gnawed their tongues in agony, ¹¹and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and they did not repent of their deeds.

Holy wisdom, holy word. Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17 NRSV

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was

bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

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* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* Canticle of Zechariah

We bless you, Adonai, <u>God</u> of *Israel*, for you come to visit us and ransom <u>us</u> from *bondage*. You have brought forth a <u>strong</u> De-*liverer* in the house of <u>your</u> 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 <u>shadows</u> of *death* and to guide our feet onto the <u>path</u> of *peace*. Glory to you, O Trinity, most <u>holy</u> and *blessed*, one God, now and for-<u>ever</u>, 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.

* PRAYERS FOR THE GREATER NJ CONFERENCE

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Greater New Jersey Conference to a sizable fellowship of faith. Bless Bishop Schol, our District Superintendents, other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP – adapted

* PRAYERS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; 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 wellbeloved 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.*

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