

Monday, November 21, 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.  
***Satisfy us in the morning  
with your steadfast love, O God,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.***

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\* **MORNING CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
***to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithful-ness by night,***

to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

***For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.***

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are ver-y deep!

Psalm 92:1-5

\* **MORNING PRAYER**

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

Let us pray:

***Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and  
move and have our being, you created us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in  
you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of  
purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from  
knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In  
your light may we see life clearly and, in your service,  
find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

St. Augustine

\* **Psalm 106:1-18** NRSV

Praise the LORD!

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?

<sup>3</sup> Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.

<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your  
people;  
help me when you deliver them;

<sup>5</sup> that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory in your heritage.

<sup>6</sup> Both we and our ancestors have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

<sup>7</sup> Our ancestors, when they were in Egypt,  
did not consider your wonderful works;  
they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,  
but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.

<sup>8</sup> Yet he saved them for his name's sake,  
so that he might make known his mighty power.

<sup>9</sup> He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry;  
he led them through the deep as through a desert.

<sup>10</sup> So he saved them from the hand of the foe,  
and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

<sup>11</sup> The waters covered their adversaries;  
not one of them was left.

<sup>12</sup> Then they believed his words;  
they sang his praise.

<sup>13</sup> But they soon forgot his works;  
they did not wait for his counsel.

<sup>14</sup> But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness,  
and put God to the test in the desert;

<sup>15</sup> he gave them what they asked,  
but sent a wasting disease among them.

<sup>16</sup> They were jealous of Moses in the camp,  
and of Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

<sup>17</sup> The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,  
and covered the faction of Abiram.

<sup>18</sup> Fire also broke out in their company;  
the flame burned up the wicked.

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

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Galatians 6:1-10** NRSV

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\* **GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:15-30** NRSV

<sup>15</sup> People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>17</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother." ' <sup>21</sup>He replied, 'I have kept all these since my youth.' <sup>22</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money\* to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' <sup>23</sup>But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. <sup>24</sup>Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>Indeed, it is

easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

<sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, 'Then who can be saved?' <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.'

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter said, 'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.' <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup>who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

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)*

\* PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those we lift today, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that with health being renewed, all may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* FOR FRUITFUL SEASONS

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his  
face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his  
face toward you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

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