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Salutation

Opening

My dear Brothers and Sisters, the night is gone, the day has come. Let us keep awake and be sober and lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

O Lord, open our lips and let our mouths proclaim your praise. O God make speed to save us, O Lord make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, it's now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(BODS Pew Edition Pg. 142)

Let us pray:

Lord, we give you thanks on this day of gladness, a day of joy and light. Lord, you are our balm of care and sadness, you are most beautiful and most bright in your holiness. To you, the high and the lowly bow before your eternal throne, singing holy, holy, holy, to the great three in one. Let us gain new graces today, let us find rest in you, bless our spirit man that we may be connected to the Holy Spirit and praise you, Father and Son. To thee blest three in one. Amen

Today's Psalm: 132: 7-10

*“Let us go to his dwelling place, let us worship at his footstool, saying, Arise, Lord, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. May your priests be clothed with your righteousness; may your faithful people sing for joy.” For the sake of your servant David, do not reject your anointed one. **Glory be to the Father...***

Hymn: CHB 17 CH 11

1. Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.
2. Let us blaze His name abroad,
For of gods He is the God:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.
3. He with all-commanding might
Filled the new-made world with light:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

4. All things living He doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

5. He His chosen race did bless
In the wasteful wilderness:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

6. He hath, with a piteous eye,
Looked upon our misery:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

7. Let us, then with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Amen

Prayer of the Day

Lord, you have promised to grant what we ask you in the name of your Son, teach us to pray earnestly and to praise your name with all the saints and redeemed; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns together with you, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(BODS Vol. 1 Page 233)

Meditation

(Daily Bible reading altered)

Text: 1 Ch. 13: 5-8

“So David assembled all Israel, from the Shihor River in Egypt to Lebo Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath Jearim. David and all Israel went to Baalah of Judah (Kiriath Jearim) to bring up from there the ark of God the Lord, who is enthroned between the cherubim—the ark that is called by the Name. They moved the ark of God from Abinadab’s house on a new cart, with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it. David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with songs and with harps, lyres, timbrels, cymbals and trumpets.”

Theme: "Awesome God, Mighty God, we give you praise"

The Philistines captured the Ark of the Covenant at the battle field of Ebenezer. The Ark of the Covenant was a box that contained the two tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written. It was so spiritually potent and so it represented the presence of God. Once Israel took it to a war that God did not authorize, they were heavily defeated by the Philistines and the Ark of the Covenant was captured. For seven months while the Ark of the Covenant was with the Philistines, they suffered all sorts of plaques, so they decided to return it at Kirith Jearim where it remained for 20 years (**1 Sam. 5**). During the kingship of David; he vowed to return the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem (**Psalm 132**). According to 1 Samuel 6, David accompanied by thirty thousand men, four thousand musicians and six psalteries led a triumphant pro-

cession with the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. On that day when the Ark of the Covenant entered Jerusalem, David danced until his under garment fell off.

Praise is appreciation, admiration and adoration to God's powerful presence. Wherever God's presence is powerful, indescribable praise follows. God's presence is too awesome to leave any worshipper indifferent. Someone has said jokingly that, ***"Heaven is a very noisy place, [full of praise and dance]. They don't walk around with long faces and whispers. It is a joyful place."*** Praise is a joyful noise overflowing from a grateful heart. The larger the number of praise singers, the better for the heavens. When praises go up, his glory fills the whole earth. Praise should be accompanied by musical instruments, the movement of the body and finally a heart of worship for God. ***"Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness". "When you enter his presence with praise, he enters your cir-***

cumstance with power.” A praiseless people are a people without their God. God is independent of our praise, that is, praise him or not he remains God, adore him or not, he remains God. A praiseless life is a dead life and a praiseless man is a lifeless being. Praise is a joyful noise arising from the awesomeness of God’s presence, it is heavenward, intentional and purposeful. Praise is not some cracking, buzzing sound or humming noise about nothing.

When praise is complete and true, this is what happens: ***“The Lord will match out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies” (Isa. 42:13).***

Amen

Let us pray

O Lord, make us perfect in Jesus Christ; out of his fullness may we all receive, and remain with him always. May his passion be our deliverance, his wounds our healing, his cross our redemption and his death our life. And suffering with him here let us reign with him afterwards, and bearing now his cross may we afterwards wear his crown.

Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Where are you, O God? We are lost in the night; have you cast us from your presence? Temptations surrounds us ; their masks grin through the darkness. We run from them, but which way should we go? Where can we hide when all lies in shadow? Have mercy on us, O God. Our eyes are swollen from tears; our bones are cold with fear; our souls have been broken—do you not hear, Lord? Save us! According to your steadfast love. Answer us! Do not hide your face, but draw near and redeem us

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- Personal / Collective prayer needs...

Daily Collect (Summary)

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns together with you, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (BODS Pew Edition Pg. 145)

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The Lord's prayer

Benediction

Bless all who worship thee,
From the rising of the sun
Unto the going down of the same.
Of thy goodness, give us;
With thy love, inspire us;
By thy Spirit, guide us;
By thy power, protect us;
In thy mercy, receive us,
Now and always. Amen

(Fifth century)

Daily readings

Ex. 19: 1-15

Eph. 5: 6-14