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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Tuesday, April 21, 2020 +**

## Invocation

L: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 26:1-3,8-12*

L: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

**C: Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.**

L: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in  
your faithfulness.

**C: O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

L: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life  
with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices,  
and whose right hands are full of bribes.

**C: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.**

L: My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I  
will bless the LORD.

**C: Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.**

## Hymn

#475

[1] Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[2] The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[3] Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[4] Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **Reading**

**Luke 4:31-44**

*And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house.*

*Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Devotional Message from Pastor Thompson**

In our reading today from Luke 4, Jesus begins his ministry of preaching and healing in Galilee and Judea. He begins this ministry because he understands who he is: the Christ, the Son of the living God, sent into the world as Savior and Lord.

Jesus knows that he has been sent by the Father to bring reconciliation and peace to the nations through his death

and resurrection. He knows that he has been sent as a Son by the Father to accomplish the Father's will.

This necessity to accomplish the will of the Father is the nature of a Son. Jesus, as the Son of the Father, is not a free agent who is independent and free, able to do as he pleases in the world. No, Jesus is obligated as a Son to obey the Father in all things and to loyally and faithfully carry out the will of God.

And so, in our reading, when the crowds from Capernaum seek Jesus out, hoping to keep Jesus in Galilee, Jesus makes it plain to them that he is not under their control, or even under his own control, but under the control and authority of his Father.

And so he says to them: *"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."* And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea. (Luke 4:43-44)

The words *"I must"* are important here. Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus acknowledges that the will of God is a divine necessity for his life. He absolutely must do the Father's will. As he says in Luke 9:22 *"The Son of Man **must** suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."*

It is the Father's will that mankind be reconciled to him through the death of his Son and so it is necessary that Jesus suffer many things and be killed and on the third

day be raised. Good Friday and Easter *must* take place. This is the Father's will for his Son and for the world.

So also in today's reading it is absolutely necessary that Jesus move on from Galilee to Judea to, "*preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well.*" (Luke 4:43) As he says, "*For I was sent for this purpose.*" (Luke 4:43)

God is working out his plan and purpose to publish his plan of salvation of the world through Jesus. His will is that all would know of his Son and come to faith in him through the word. As Paul writes, "*God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*" (1 Timothy 2:4)

God's will is that all people would be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. And so Jesus must move on from Capernaum to preach in Judea. So also the apostles will later be commanded to leave Israel and go out into all the world to preach the Gospel. So also you and I are called to share the good news of the kingdom with the world.

Jesus sets the pattern here of faithful and joyful obedience in preaching and evangelism. May we also do so faithfully and joyfully, as loyal, obedient children of God. Amen.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Collect**

**L: Lord Jesus, in your ministry of teaching, casting out demons, and healing the sick, you proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God. Send us into all the world to announce that today, in you, Scripture has been fulfilled, the new creation has come, and the healing of the nations is here; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**L: Let us bless the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn

# 477

[1] Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

[2] Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried;  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.

[3] Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!