



Daily Prayer
+ Monday, April 27, 2020 +

Invocation

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia.

Psalmody

Psalm 98:1-6

L: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

L: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

L: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

L: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, 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

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[1] Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!

[2] Our life was purchased by His loss; Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross. Alleluia!

[3] O death, where is your deadly sting? Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King! Alleluia!

[4] And where your victory, O grave, Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save? Alleluia!

[5] Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!

[6] For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

Reading

Luke 24:32-53

[The Emmaus disciples] said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled

fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Devotional Message from Pastor Thompson

The mission of the church is simple and clear: to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in all the world. This mission was given to the apostles from Jesus Christ himself.

In the Gospel of Matthew, the mission statement of the church is well known as the Great Commission: *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and*

make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

The heart of the Great Commission is that the Lord Jesus Christ will build his church, through the church, making disciples of all nations as he baptizes and teaches his Gospel through us. As the Father sent his Son; so also the Son sends his church into all the world.

Mark's version of of the Great Commission is shorter: *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation."* (Mark 16:15)

Luke's version in the Book of Acts is even shorter: *"You will be my witnesses."* (Acts 1:8)

In our reading today from Luke 24, Jesus gives the Great Commission in similar, but unique words: *Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

Here Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit who will equip and enable the apostles to remember all that Jesus said and did. He will enlighten their minds, dictate to them the New Testament Scriptures, and empower them to preach the Gospel.

Their message is simple and clear: repentance and forgiveness of sins in the name of Jesus. This was their message and this is our message as well. It is the heart of our faith and the foundation of who we are and what we believe.

Who are we? We are disciples of Jesus Christ. We repent of sin and believe that he is the Son of God who has died for us. We have peace with God and the hope of eternal life through him alone.

This simple Gospel is a Gospel of joy and hope for all the world. May it live in our hearts always and may we preach it to all of creation. 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: O God, by your almighty Word you set in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful, and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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[1] Long before the world is waking,
Morning mist on Galilee,
From the shore, as dawn is breaking,
Jesus calls across the sea;

Hails the boat of weary men,
Bids them cast their net again.

[2] So they cast, and all their heaving
Cannot haul their catch aboard;
John in wonder turns, perceiving,
Cries aloud, "It is the Lord!"
Peter waits for nothing more,
Plunges in to swim ashore.

[3] Charcoal embers brightly burning,
Bread and fish upon them laid:
Jesus stands at day's returning
In His risen life arrayed;
As of old His friends to greet,
"Here is breakfast; come and eat."

[4] Christ is risen! Grief and sighing,
Sins and sorrows, fall behind;
Fear and failure, doubt, denying,
Full and free forgiveness find.
All the soul's dark night is past,
Morning breaks in joy at last.

[5] Morning breaks, and Jesus meets us,
Feeds and comforts, pardons still;
As His faithful friends He greets us,
Partners of His work and will.
All our days, on ev'ry shore,
Christ is ours forevermore!