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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Monday, May 11, 2020 +**

## Invocation

L: Christ is risen!

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

## Psalmody

*Psalm 105:1-8*

L: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**C: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

L: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**C: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

L: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**C: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

L: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**C: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

**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] Our Pascal Lamb, that set us free,  
Is sacrificed. O keep  
The feast of freedom gallantly;  
Let alleluias leap:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again

Sing alleluia, cry aloud:  
Alleluia! Amen!

[2] Let all our lives celebrate  
The feast; let malice die.  
Let love grow strong anew, and great,  
Let truth stamp out the lie.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again  
Sing alleluia, cry aloud:  
Alleluia! Amen!

[3] Let all our deeds, unanimous,  
Confess Him as our Lord  
Who by the Spirit lives in us,  
The Father's living Word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again  
Sing alleluia, cry aloud:  
Alleluia! Amen!

## **Reading**

## **Acts 3:11-16**

*While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God*

*raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all."*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

In our reading today from Acts 3, Luke continues his record of the events during the early days of the church following the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, empowering them to proclaim Jesus as Lord and Christ.

In today's reading, Peter takes the occasion of the healing of a lame beggar, and the gathering about him of a large crowd in the Temple precincts in Jerusalem, to preach Christ. Peter begins his sermon to the crowds, urging them to put their faith in Jesus, by taking note that the miracle performed was not done by any power which the apostles had in and of themselves. No, the power to heal came from God through the powerful name of Jesus.

And who is this God? The only true God. As Peter said: "*The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers.*" (Acts 3:13) The God who "*glorified his servant Jesus.*" (Acts 3:13)

It is important to note that Jesus taught that his God and Father was none other than the God of Israel, the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of the Old Testament, the Almighty Father, Maker of heaven and earth.

The religion and faith that was founded by Jesus was not a brand new faith, created out of nothing, but the fulfillment of the Old Testament faith of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. The Lord God who met with Moses on Mt. Sinai and who delivered King David from his enemies is none other than the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Law and the Gospel come from the same one true God. The Creator is our Savior.

And so Peter proclaimed the fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus. That God glorified his Son, raising him from the dead. And this was not a new faith, but the old faith come to completion in Jesus.

In fact, Peter calls Jesus here the "*Author of life*". This is a strong title concerning the divine nature of Jesus and proclaims that Jesus was more than a man, but the very Son of God made man and come into the world for us and for our salvation. Jesus is the Author of life, who died and was raised.

And it was by faith in his powerful name, the name of Jesus, that the lame man and all men are healed. May the healing and health that comes from faith in his holy and powerful name be ours today and always. 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: Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart, that by patience and comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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**

**# 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!