



Daily Prayer
+ Tuesday, May 12, 2020 +

Invocation

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia.

Psalmody

Psalm 106:1-5

L: Praise the LORD!

C: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

L: Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

C: Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

L: Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them,

C: that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance.

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

#474, v. 1-3

[1] Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

[2] Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory;
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

[3] Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Reading

Acts 3:17-26

And Peter said: "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your

fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Devotional Message from Pastor Thompson

In our reading today from Acts 3, Peter continues to speak to a crowd of people in the Temple, following the healing of a lame beggar. Peter began his sermon by urging the people to put their faith in Jesus, making sure that they were aware that the power to heal came from God through the name of Jesus. He had also called them to repentance, accusing them of killing the Author of life, whom God had raised from the dead.

This accusation might have come as a shock to the people, and so Peter comforts them with the truth that this was all accomplished according to God's plan of salvation, revealed in the Scriptures. The people were at fault, but had acted out of ignorance. Forgiveness was available to them: *Brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.*

Yes, the people of Israel and their rulers had mistreated and killed God's Son when he came into the world. Yet, this death of Christ was for us and for our salvation. It was in

God's eternal plan and purpose for the Christ to suffer in this way and to fulfill the words of the prophets.

Peter understands this and comforts the people not to despair that they killed the Author of life. Instead, Peter calls on the people to repent and turn back, *"that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."* (Acts 3:19-21)

The death of Christ was a travesty of justice caused by a rebellious and sinful people. Yet also at the very same time it was God's will to bring about the salvation of all of mankind.

Jesus understood this, as can be seen by his prayers at Gethsemane. And although it took a while for Peter to understand, in the end he came to terms with what God had done in and through Jesus.

And we are called to learn this truth as well: that Jesus died for our sins, according to the Scriptures. And that God raised him from the dead. May this Easter Gospel bless our souls, 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: Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise you for continuing among us the preaching of your Gospel. Send your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, that our saving knowledge of you might grow; for you live and reign with the Father and the 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

#474, v. 4-5

[4] Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

[5] City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!