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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Friday, May 15, 2020 +**

## Invocation

L: Christ is risen!

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

## Psalmody

*Psalm 107:10-16*

L: Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
prisoners in affliction and in irons,

**C: for they had rebelled against the words of God, and  
spurned the counsel of the Most High.**

L: So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell  
down, with none to help.

**C: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he  
delivered them from their distress.**

L: He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of  
death, and burst their bonds apart.

**C: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his  
wondrous works to the children of man!**

L: For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the  
bars of iron.

**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

**#480, v. 1-3**

[1] He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

[2] The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

[3] But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

### **Reading**

**Acts 4:23-31**

*When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'—for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the*

*Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Devotional Message from Pastor Thompson**

Our reading today from Acts 4 teaches on the gift of the Holy Spirit and the boldness which comes from the Spirit in proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ.

Peter and John are released from imprisonment by the temple guard and they return to their friends and report all that took place. This report leads to praise of God and a prayer of thanksgiving. The apostles rejoice that God had delivered them and given them opportunity to continue in their mission to proclaim Christ and to heal the people, body and soul.

In their prayer, the apostles take note of Psalm 2 and reflect on this psalm's nature as a messianic prophecy. The truth is, all of the psalms are messianic prophecies. The entire Psalter is the prayer book of Jesus. The psalms are our prayers; but even more so they are his.

And Psalm 2, which speaks of the rulers and the powers of the earth in alliance against God and his Christ, is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

And so Peter prays that God would embolden the apostles even more in preaching Christ: *And now, Lord, look*

*upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (Acts 4:29-30)*

This is our prayer as well. That God would give us courage to speak with boldness of Jesus Christ in a world that would not listen. This boldness is a gift of the Holy Spirit and as we approach Pentecost we pray that this boldness of the Spirit would be ours again, in a full and real way.

As it was for the early church: *And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. 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: Father in heaven, give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; 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**

**#480, v. 4-5**

[4] O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

[5] Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.