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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Monday, May 18, 2020 +**

## Invocation

L: Christ is risen!

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

## Psalmody

*Psalm 107:23-32*

L: Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters;

**C: they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.**

L: For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

**C: They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;**

L: their courage melted away in their evil plight;

**C: they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end.**

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

**C: He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

L: Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

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

L: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

**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

#483, v. 1-2

- [1] With high delight Let us unite  
In songs of great jubilation.  
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.  
To set us free Forever He  
Is ris'n and sends, To all earth's ends  
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
- [2] True God, He first From death has burst  
Forth into life, all subduing.  
His enemy Doth vanquished lie;  
His death has been death's undoing.  
"And yours shall be Like victory  
O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave  
His life for us, life renewing.

## Reading

**Acts 5:12-26**

*Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled*

*with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

Our reading today from Acts 5 teaches on the hidden power of God, working through his church to make known the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

God has every intention and plan to give witness to his love in his Son. And so he has commissioned the apostles to preach Christ as Lord and Savior. No matter the obstacle, God will have the name of his Son glorified.

And so, for a second time, the chief priest schemes to arrest the apostles and put them into prison. The chief priest is frustrated by the success of the apostles in preaching Christ, even in the temple precincts. The party of Sadducees, who reject the resurrection, join the chief priest in this persecution and opposition. Luke reports that they were filled with "*jealousy*". (Acts 5:17)

But during the night, while the apostles were under guard in prison, God acts. For the sake of the Gospel mission, because God is serious about making it known that Jesus, who died for sins, was raised from the dead, God acts. He sends an angel of the Lord to open the prison doors and brings the apostles out saying, "*Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.*" (Acts 5:20)

This is the will of God for the church; another way of expressing the Great Commission. Go and take your stand and speak to the people all the words of this Life.

This was the mission of the apostles. This is our mission. And God will open every obstacle in our way to make this accomplished. Why? Because he loves us all and wants us all to know that in Jesus we have peace with God and the forgiveness of our sins. 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 holy and most merciful God, you have taught us the way of your commandments. We implore you to pour out your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of your mercies and laws, we may always be directed to your will and daily increase in love toward you and one another; 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**

**#483, v. 3**

[3] Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring  
To Christ our Lord adoration.  
His honor speed By word and deed  
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.  
So shall His love Give us above,  
From misery And death set free,  
All joy and full consolation.