



Daily Prayer
+ Tuesday, May 5, 2020 +

Invocation

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia.

Psalmody

Psalm 103:15-22

L: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;

C: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

L: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

C: to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

L: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

C: Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

L: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

C: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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

#462, v. 1-2

[1] All the earth with joy is sounding:
Christ has risen from the dead!
He, the greater Jonah, bounding
From the grave, His three-day bed,
Wins the prize: death's demise--
Songs of triumph fill the skies.

[2] Christ, the devil's might unwinding,
Leaves behind His borrowed tomb.
Stronger He, the strong man binding,
Takes, disarms his house of doom;
In the rout casting out
Pow'rs of darkness, sin, and doubt.

Reading

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of

Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Devotional Message from Pastor Thompson

In the third article of the Apostles' Creed we confess our faith in the third person of the Holy Trinity: *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.*

In the first article of the Creed we confess faith in God the Father and in his work of creation. In the second article we confess faith in God the Son and in his work of salvation. So also, in the third article of the Creed we confess faith in God the Holy Spirit and in his work of sanctification.

What is the work of God the Father Almighty? He is maker of heaven and earth. What is the work of the Jesus, his only Son? He was born, suffered, died, was raised from the dead, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father and will return to judge the living and the

dead. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? He is the founder and source of the church, works forgiveness of sins, will raise the dead, and gives life everlasting.

By listing the works of the Holy Spirit in the Creed, we are given a better understanding of who he is and what to expect from him. The Holy Spirit creates the church, forgives sins, raises the dead, and gives life to the world. He is the source of all of the spiritual blessings won for us by Christ.

We see this in our reading today from Acts 2. The Day of Pentecost is a day of the Holy Spirit. He comes to the disciples with, *"a sound like a mighty rushing wind."* (Acts 2:2) He, *"filled the entire house."* (Acts 2:2) He appeared as, *"divided tongues as of fire" and "rested on each one of them."* (Acts 2:3) And as he came upon the disciples and filled them, they *"began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."* (Acts 2:4)

Notice that the Spirit is strongly connected to the Word. What does the Spirit lead the disciples to do when he comes to them and fills them? He leads them to speak words. He leads them to preach words. He leads them to proclaim the name of Jesus and his work of salvation in words. He inspires them to tell in words *"the mighty works of God."* (Acts 2:11)

The Spirit speaks words. The Spirit speaks words through the apostles. It is no accident that what immediately follows the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost is a

sermon. Peter will stand up and speak in words the "*mighty works of God*".

Why? Because faith in Jesus comes from hearing the Word of God. And the Holy Spirit is all about creating and instilling faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit leads the apostles to speak so that a church will be gathered; so that the people will be forgiven; so that souls will be prepared for the return of Christ and the resurrection on the Last Day; so that life everlasting will be theirs. All for the sake of Christ. All through the Word given by the Spirit.

And so we confess the Holy Spirit and praise God for his wonderful gift. May the Spirit work his Word in our hearts and minds 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: Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; 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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[3] Jesus, author of salvation,
Shared in our humanity;
Crowned with radiant exaltation
Now He shares His victory!
From His face shines the grace
Meant for all our fallen race.

[4] Praise the Lord, His reign commences,
Reign of life and liberty--
Paschal Lamb, for our offenses,
Slain and raised to set us free!
Evermore bow before
Christ, the Lord of Life adore!