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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Saturday, May 9, 2020 +**

## Invocation

L: Christ is risen!

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

## Psalmody

*Psalm 104:25-30*

L: Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.

**C: There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.**

L: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**C: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

L: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

**C: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.**

**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] "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

[2] Love's redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our sun's eclipse is o'er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

[3] Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

[4] Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

[5] Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

[6] Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

## **Reading**

## **Acts 3:1-10**

*Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And*

*he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

When the Lord Jesus commissioned the twelve to be his apostles, he gave them authority to cast out demons and to heal the sick: *"And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal."* (Luke 9:1-2)

The authority and power to miraculously heal the sick is not given to Christians today, but was an authority and power given uniquely to the early apostles, an authority put to use by Peter and John in our reading today from Acts 3.

Peter and John had entered the temple at the hour of prayer and were presented with an obstacle and an opportunity. The obstacle was a man who had been lame from birth, getting in their way as they sought to enter the temple. But instead of ignoring the man, or despising him for his

disability, Peter and John displayed compassion toward the man and gave him their attention and took the opportunity presented to display the power of Jesus for healing.

Healing, of course, was a key feature to the ministry of Jesus. Healing the sick and casting out demons was both a sign that God was intent on healing humanity from the effects of sin and also a demonstration that God approved of Jesus and had sent him into the world.

And it is for both of these reasons, again, that the early apostles healed the sick as well: as a sign that God intended to bring healing to the world through the Word and a demonstration that God was with the apostles and had sent them as his ambassadors into the world.

Healing is a sign of God's love. He not only has the power to heal; but he also wants to. He desires to heal us. His will is for our good. Why? Because he loves us.

Healing is also a display of support from God for the apostles. God approves of their message and their ministry. How do we know? He healed the sick through them. The world needs to know that Peter and John bring a message from God. And so he gives them the power to heal as a demonstration of his approval of their message.

Today we give thanks for Peter and John and the Word of the Gospel that they preached and which we believe. This Word comes from God and it heals our souls. 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**

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[1] I am content!

My Jesus ever lives,  
In whom my heart is pleased.  
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,  
God's wrath He has appeased.  
Since He in death could perish never,  
I also shall not die forever.  
I am content! I am content!

[2] I am content!

My Jesus is my head;  
His member I shall be.  
He bowed His head when  
on the cross He died  
With cries of agony.  
Now death is brought into subjection  
For me by Jesus' resurrection.  
I am content! I am content!

[3] I am content!

My Jesus is my light,  
My radiant sun of grace.  
His cheering rays beam

blessings forth for all,  
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.  
This Easter sun has brought salvation  
And everlasting exultation.  
I am content! I am content!

[4] I am content!

At length I shall be free,  
Awakened from the dead,  
Arising glorious evermore to be  
With You, my living head.  
The chains that hold my body, sever;  
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.  
I am content! I am content!