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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Friday, June 19, 2020 +**

## Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 119:41-48*

L: Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise;

**C: then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word.**

L: And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules.

**C: I will keep your law continually, forever and ever, and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts.**

L: I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame,

**C: for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.**

L: I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love,

**C: and I will meditate on your statutes.**

**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

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

[1] The Head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty Victor's brow.

[2] The highest place that heav'n affords  
Is His, is His by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
And heav'n's eternal Light,

[3] The Joy of all who dwell above,  
The Joy of all below  
To whom He manifests His love  
And grants His name to know.

## **Reading**

**Acts 13:13-23**

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Devotional Message from Pastor Thompson**

Our reading today from Acts 13 continues the account of Paul's sermon at the synagogue in Antioch of Pisidia, early into his first missionary journey in southern Galatia of Asia Minor.

Paul and Barnabas were welcomed by the synagogue rulers as faithful Jews and as men who had long studied the Scriptures under the leading Pharisees in Jerusalem and therefore they were asked by the synagogue rulers to share a word of encouragement for the people. To the surprise of the rulers, however, Paul began to preach Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises found in the Bible.

In our reading today, Paul begins the story of Jesus with the account of John the Baptist preaching a baptism of repentance to all in Israel and as the forerunner of Christ. The Gospel always follows a call to repentance. God's will is that we repent of sin and then put our faith in Jesus Christ who atoned for sin.

Paul then gives a short account of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul emphasizes that the suffering of Christ was in fulfillment of the Scriptures. His death was no accident, but was caused by the ignorance and animosity of the rulers in Jerusalem, as well as the will of God. The death and resurrection of Jesus is due to the necessary fulfillment of the Scriptures.

This truth is important for our faith. Behind all that took place in the life of Jesus was the will of God. God was accomplishing the salvation of mankind through his Son. And so the death of Jesus was for us and for our salvation and was long ago promised by God as his way of reconciling us to him. It is a reminder of the determination that God has for our salvation. It is his will that we all come to a knowledge of the truth and be saved.

This will of God is most especially found in the death of Jesus and his resurrection. And it is through these two pivotal acts of God that our salvation rests. Our sins were paid for at the cross. Our new life is begun with his resurrection. 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 God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; 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**

**#532, v. 4-6**

[4] To them the cross, with all its shame,  
With all its grace, is giv'n;  
Their name, an everlasting name;  
Their joy, the joy of heav'n.

[5] They suffer with their Lord below;  
They reign with Him above,  
Their profit and their joy, to know  
The myst'ry of His love.

[6] The cross He bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to Him;  
His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.