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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Saturday, June 20, 2020 +**

## Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 119:49-56*

L: Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.

**C: This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.**

L: The insolent utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.

**C: When I think of your rules from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.**

L: Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, who forsake your law.

**C: Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning.**

L: I remember your name in the night, O LORD, and keep your law.

**C: This blessing has fallen to me, that I have kept your precepts.**

**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

#534, v. 1-2

[1] Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,  
First begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong defender,  
Lifting up Your people's head.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living bread!  
Jesus, true and living bread!

[2] Though the lowliest form now veil You  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Your angels hail You,  
Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
We in worship join with them;  
We in worship join with them.

## Reading

## Acts 13:24-43

*Paul continued, "And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you.' And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.' Therefore he says also in another psalm, 'You will not let your Holy One see corruption.' For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: 'Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that*

*you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.'” As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.*

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 begins the section of his sermon today with a defense of the resurrection. From Psalm 2, Paul establishes the doctrine of the divinity of Jesus by reminding the Jews that they were living in expectation of God's Son coming into the world: *"You are my Son, today I have begotten you."* From Psalm 16, Paul establishes that the Son of David would be raised from the dead: *"You will not let your Holy One see corruption."*

What Paul is saying is simple and clear: Jesus is the Son of God and he was raised from the dead; and that this was all in fulfillment of the Scriptural promises of the Old Testament. The Jews and the God-fearing Greeks among the synagogue should find in Jesus the promises of God come into fulfillment.

Paul then declares that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to them. This is the impact or effect of all that Jesus did. He died and rose again for a purpose: that through him we would have the forgiveness of sins. What a good news Paul is preaching! The Law of Moses was unable to produce such a result.

However, Paul anticipates resistance among his hearers, who are all very loyal to the Law of Moses, and so he warns them: "*Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: 'Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.'*" (Acts 13:40-41)

This concludes Paul's first sermon and it bears fruit. As Luke writes, "*As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.*" (Acts 13:42-43) 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, grant your mercy and grace to your people in their many and various callings. Give them patience, and strengthen them in their Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to their neighbor in Christ's name; 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

#534, v. 3-4

[3] Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished  
Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;  
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

[4] Life-imparting heav'nly manna,  
Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship You, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!  
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!