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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Saturday, June 6, 2020 +**

## Invocation

L: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C: and kindle in them the fire of your love! Alleluia.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 117*

L: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C: Extol him, all peoples!**

L: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

**C: Praise the LORD!**

**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

**#913, v. 1-2**

[1] O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be Truly living,  
To You giving Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.

[2] Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.

Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching;  
Let our preaching And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

## **Reading**

**Acts 10:17-33**

*Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?" And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." So he invited them in to be his guests. The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. So*

*when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.” And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

Our reading today from Acts 10 continues the long account of Peter and Cornelius. The Lord Jesus had spoken to Peter in a vision and prepared his heart to receive the Gentile delegation sent from Cornelius in Caesarea. Not only that, but Peter had been prepared to travel to Caesarea and to enter into Cornelius' home.

This kind of association between Jew and Greek had been unlawful according to the Law of Moses. Yet the Law was fulfilled in Christ and a new era has come upon the world. The ceremonial laws of Moses have found their fulfillment in Christ and have been thereby cancelled. This includes a destruction of the wall of separation between Jew and Gentile.

As Paul writes, *"Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called 'the uncircumcision' by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility."* (Ephesians 2:11-16)

Christ is Lord and Savior of all men: Jew and Gentile alike. The ceremonial laws and regulations of Moses have been abolished in Christ. The moral law remains the golden law for all people at all times; but the customs and ordinances that separated Jew and Gentile are abolished.

This abolition of the boundary wall between Jew and Gentile opens the Gospel proclamation to all nations. Just as Jesus had willed and planned.

And so, the Gospel goes out. And by going out, invites all people to be saved. 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: Gracious Lord, we give thanks that in Holy Baptism we have received forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and eternal salvation. Bless us with your Word and Spirit that we might faithfully keep the covenant into which we have been called; 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**

**#913, v. 3**

[3] O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace On us shower;  
By Your power Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.