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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Monday, June 8, 2020 +**

## Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 118:1-7*

L: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

**C: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

L: Let the house of Aaron say,

**C: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

L: Let those who fear the LORD say,

**C: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

L: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

**C: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?**

L: The LORD is on my side as my helper;

**C: I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.**

**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

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

[1] Father most holy, merciful, and tender;  
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender,  
Light never waning;

[2] Trinity blessed, unity unshaken,  
Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,  
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken,  
Hope of all living,

**Reading**

**Acts 10:34-43**

*So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

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 had sent Peter to Caesarea to give a presentation of the Gospel to Cornelius and to his entire household. This would have included both his immediate family and also household servants and friends. It was God's will that Cornelius, a Roman man of faith in the God of Israel, would come to know what God had done in sending his Son, Jesus Christ, into the world.

And so Peter shared the Gospel with Cornelius and his household. His presentation of the Gospel begins by acknowledging the elephant in the room: that Peter, a Jew, was associating with Gentiles and had entered Cornelius' home: *"Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."* (Acts 10:34-35) Here Peter sets the Gentiles at ease, assuring them that God's work in Jesus was for them as well and that God shows no partiality. He receives all, from any nation, who call upon him.

Peter then outlined the Gospel: the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and second coming of Christ for judgment. This is the outline of the faith which we confess in the Apostles' Creed, the simple faith of the church.

In addition, Peter informs Cornelius and his household what these events mean. He calls his message, *"the word that God sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace"*

*through Jesus Christ." (Acts 10:36) The coming of the Son of God into the world means good news and peace between God and mankind. This is the meaning of the life of Jesus. And it leads to Peter's conclusion: "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:43)*

Our reading today is a reminder of the simple outline of the Gospel: the life, death, resurrection of Jesus, his session at the right hand of God and his return on the Last Day. It also provides insight into the impact of these events: that we have peace with God and the forgiveness of sins through Christ.

May these truths, which touched the heart of Cornelius and his household, give us faith and confidence this day in Christ Jesus. 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: Merciful Father, give us strength to boldly confess our Savior and finally share with all your saints the joys of eternal 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**

**#504, v. 3-4**

[3] Maker of all things  
All Thy creatures praise Thee;  
All from Thy worship were and are created;  
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly,  
Hear Thou our voices.

[4] Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,  
One in three persons, over all exalted!  
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee,  
Now and forever.