

# Evening Devotion

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Friday, April 17, 2015

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

C: **Amen.**

P: "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations." He is risen!

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

## Psalm 111

I will extol the Lord with all my heart

**in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

Great are the works of the Lord;

**they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

Glorious and majestic are His deeds,

**and His righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused His wonders to be remembered;

**the Lord is gracious and compassionate.**

He provides food for those who fear Him;

**He remembers His covenant forever.**

He has shown His people the power of His works,

**giving them the lands of other nations.**

The works of His hands are faithful and just;

**all His precepts are trustworthy.**

They are steadfast forever and ever,

**done in faithfulness and uprightness.**

He provided redemption for His people, He ordained His covenant forever;

**holy and awesome is His name.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, all who follow His precepts have good understanding.

**To Him belongs eternal praise.**

## Scripture Reading – Acts 4:32-37

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup> Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

### 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.**

### Hymn - Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing,  
of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
behold His hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky,  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife,  
for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring  
and lives that death may die.

### Prayer

Gracious Father, as we look back on this day which is drawing to a close, we have every reason to be thankful. You have graciously made us your own and we praise You, for your mercies have been greater in number than the countless sands of the seas. You have removed the burden of our sins and ordered our footsteps in Your ways of peace and joy. Be our ongoing and constant companion, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, in Your Son's name, our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we pray:

**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.**

## Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

# Morning Devotion

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Saturday, April 18, 2015

## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

## Psalmody *Psalm 67:1-7*

- <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and | bless us\*  
and make his face to shine up- | on us,  
<sup>2</sup>that your way may be | known on earth,\*  
your saving power among all | nations.  
<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!  
<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations up- | on earth.  
<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!  
<sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its | increase,\*  
God, our God, shall | bless us.  
<sup>7</sup>God shall | bless us;\*  
let all the ends of the earth | fear him!

## Reading from Holy Scripture

### Reading *1 Corinthians 12:12–26*

P A reading from 1 Corinthians, the twelfth chapter.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our

more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon "Fellowship in the One Body" 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

### 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

### O Holy Spirit, Enter In LSB 913



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love

us bright-ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.

That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er

Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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## Prayers

### Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose infinite power alone does great wonders, send down on Your ministers and on the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, and that they may truly please You, pour on them the dew of Your continual blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

### Blessing

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

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# Afternoon Devotion

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## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Reading from Holy Scripture

P A reading from Ephesians, chapter six.

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Message “One Mile”

### Collect for peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

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