

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let us confess our sin to God our Father: O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us. We pour out our souls to you because by our own efforts we have failed. Nothing we have tried has worked. We have tried again and again and still we have failed. O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us. Save us from the embarrassment of our failure. Save us from envying those who have apparently succeeded. Grant us some signs of success, that we not always be ashamed.

O Lord of hosts! Look on the affliction of your servants and remember us. You know our need. You know our struggles, our brokenness, our sins. You know that without your mercy we can do nothing. Grant us mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-15

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

- ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- ¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
- ¹²Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
- ¹³His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.
- ¹⁴The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.
- ¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Acts Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.
²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues
as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they
were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as
the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every
nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and
they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his
own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all
these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in
his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents
of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors
from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear
them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were
amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed
them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to
you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you
suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was
uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of
the Lord shall be saved.”

Holy Gospel

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out,
“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me,
as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”
³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were
to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not
yet glorified.

Hymn

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

For your gift of God the Spirit, power to make our lives anew,
Pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship You.
Crowning gift of resurrection sent from Your ascended throne,
Fullness of the very Godhead, come to make your life our own.

He who in creation's dawning brooded on the lifeless deep,
Still across our nature's darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep,
Moves to stir, to draw, to quicken, thrusts us through with sense of sin;
Brings to birth and seals and fills us, saving Advocate within.

He, himself the living Author, wakes to life the sacred Word,
Reads with us its holy pages and reveals our risen Lord.
He it is who works within us, teaching rebel hearts to pray,
He whose holy intercessions rise for us both night and day.

He, the mighty God, indwells us; his to strengthen, help, empower;
His to overcome the tempter, ours to call in danger's hour.
In his strength we dare to battle all the raging hosts of sin,
And by him alone we conquer foes without and foes within.

Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today,
Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us his sovereign
way.

Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;
In us, through us, then, forever, shall your perfect will be done.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou almighty King, help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success, and let Thy
righteousness
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us
depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity
Love and adore.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give
you peace. Amen.