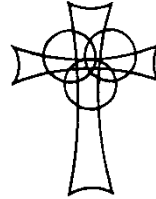




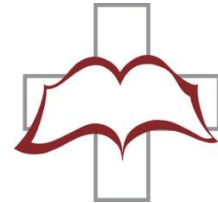
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Midweek Devotions and Bible Study
Wednesday in the Week of Pentecost
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Service of the Word

✠ *In the Name of Jesus* ✠

The Opening Versicles:

Psalms 51:15, 70:1, 86:4 and from Luke 24:49

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
- P** Gladden the soul of Your servant,
C for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.
- P** Send Your Holy Spirit upon us,
C and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia!

- P** ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- C** ³**You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- P** ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- C** ⁵**You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**
- P** ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.
- C** ⁷**Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?**
- P** ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- C** ⁹**If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- P** ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.
- C** ¹¹**If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,”**
- P** ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

¹So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ²shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Scripture Study for the Day

Baptized...Now We Live
A Study of 1 Peter

Study 7: Some Parting Words

1. Who are the “elders” that Peter is speaking to? What attitudes does he encourage them to have?
2. How do these words also apply to every member of the Church?
3. What attitude is to mark all of God’s people?

P O Lord, may peace abound and righteousness flourish, that injustice and wrong may cease:

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, help us to proclaim the Good News of salvation, and grant us the needful gifts of Your grace:

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us commend the world, for which Christ intercedes for at the right hand of the Father, to the mercy and protection of God as we offer to Him our prayers, either silently or aloud.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer:

P Taught by our Lord and trusting 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.**

The Collect of the Day:

P Let us pray.

O God, You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Collect for Pentecost Tide:

- P** Almighty and ever-living God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

The 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.**

The Closing Prayer:

after Richard of Chichester (1253)

- P** Together, we pray:
- C** **Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You**
for all the benefits that You have won for us,
for all the pains and insults that You bore for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know You more clearly,
love You more dearly,
and follow You more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.

The Benediction:

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** **Amen.**

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