

May 16, 2021

## **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

*P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

**C: Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up,

after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

### **HYMN    Spread the Reign of God the Lord**

- 1     Spread the reign of God the Lord,  
Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev’rywhere His creatures call  
To His heav’nly banquet hall.**
- 2     Tell how God the Father’s will  
Made the world, upholds it still,**

**How His own dear Son He gave  
Us from sin and death to save.**

**3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,  
Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price,  
Gave Himself as sacrifice.**

**4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n  
Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.**

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## ***SERMON***

## ***PRAYERS***

### ***THE 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***

***P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.***

**C: Amen**

**HYMN    Crown Him with Many Crowns**

- 1     Crown Him with many crowns,  
         The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly 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.**
  
- 3     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.**
  
- 5     Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
         Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
         The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
         As thrones before Him fall;**

# Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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