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Acts 1.9

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May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Alleluia and Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 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.

4 And while staying[a] 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; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

The Ascension

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 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."

9 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. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 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."

PSALM: Psalm 47 (ESV) *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

1. Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**2 For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

3 He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

**4 He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

5 God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

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6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

7 For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm! [a]

8 God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

9 The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.

Amen

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)

Thanksgiving and Prayer

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. **22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia. John 6:6-8



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53 (ESV)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

The Ascension

50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON - "Wouldn't You Like to Fly?" Rev. Steve A. Dygert, A.Mus.D - STS
Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

C: Amen

SERMON HYMN: R57 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (C)

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin

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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 on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 catholic 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.

SONG FOR MEDITATION:

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always.

C. **And Also With You.**

P. We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the bounty He has shared with us.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Psalm 51:10-12



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

THE OFFERING: Offertory – Free To Be You and Me – Dean Carson

As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.

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G D Em Bm Em D G
Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; praise

4 G D Em C G D Em
Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise

7 D/F# G D G/B C D7/A G D/F#
Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise

10 G A7/E D Am G/D D7 G
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Doxology, written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SONG FOR MEDITATION: Sing a New Song Unto the Lord – *St. Louis Jesuits*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. *2nd Timothy 4:22*

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE FOR Ascension Sunday:

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine nature.

Therefore with angels and arch angel and all the hosts of Heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

SANCTUS: *Revelation 4:8*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God, Almighty

Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Pr. Steve; *(Prayer Response) Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.*

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and forever. Amen**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE: WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1st Corinthians 11:23-25

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said; "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner, after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1st Corinthians 11:26*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Go Make of All Disciples - *Insert*

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony**

**Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me**

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God**

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Go Make Of All Disciples
We Hear The Call Oh Lord
That Comes From Thee Our Father
In Thy Eternal Word.

Inspire Our Ways Of Learning
Through Earnest Fervent Prayer
And Let Our Daily Living
Reveal Thee Everywhere.

Go Make Of All Disciples
We Welcome Thy Command
Lo I Am With You Always
We Take Thy Guiding Hand.

The Task Looms Large Before Us
We Follow Without Fear
In Heaven And Earth Thy Power
Shall Bring God's Kingdom Here

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