



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. MATTHEW 28:6

MAY 11-12, 2024-

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

We come to celebrate Christ's ascension, our Father and mother God. We remember that his physical removal from earth made possible the coming of the Holy Spirit who is our companion at all times and in all places. We glorify God our parent, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. One God in three manifestations. Therefore, we thank you, God, that you are ever-present and ever blessing us. In Christ's name. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *In his life Christ is an example showing us how to live in his death he is a sacrifice satisfying our sins in his resurrection a conqueror in his ascension a king in his intercession a high priest.* - Martin Luther
- ❖ *No wound is so trivial that the love of God is not concerned with it. No pain is so deep, so long-standing, that the love of God cannot reach it. Every shock, every wound, every anger and grief is not only encompassed by that love but is also held and transformed by that love.* -Flora Wuellner (Author)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus, you reign in heaven,

People: and we on earth recognize you as Lord.

Leader: Not all the world sees this as clearly as we would like,

People: so we pray today that you will strengthen us in spite of our weakness,

Leader: so that we will not stand idly, gazing into heaven for your return,

People: but look towards our family- your children- and serve them,

Leader: and be served by them,

People: instruct them,

Leader: and learn from them as well.

People: Jesus, you are never far from us.

Leader: Keep us safe,

People: as we prepare to enter the front lines of a world that needs your gospel.

PRAISE SONG: ***Children of God*** (music at end of bulletin)

THE CONFESSION:

All: Loving Lord Jesus, with silent persistence you have watched over and loved every person and all of creation. You ache every time we destroy beauty, every time we harm one another, every time greed squashes kindness. You see when we ignore the outstretched hand and turn a deaf ear to cries for help.

Merciful God, forgive us and help us to grow into your witnesses. Help us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly on the earth. Forgive us and let your Spirit fill us with courage. Forgive us and remind us of the ways you bless us. Never let us forget your all-embracing love! Never let us forget that you are watching over us. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: ***If I Believe in Jesus*** (music at end of bulletin)

THE READING: ***Acts 1:1-11***

This is the beginning of the second book written by Luke which is about the life of the early Christian community powered by the Holy Spirit and it especially focuses on the leadership provided by Peter and later Paul. This section speaks of Jesus' final words to His disciples and His ascension to heaven.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

THE GOSPEL:**Luke 24:44-53**

This is the end of Luke's book about the life of Jesus concluding with Jesus' last words to His disciples and then His departure from earth.

Then Jesus 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

MESSAGE: "Time to Grow Up"

- Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE: Every Day (*music at end of bulletin*)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

One: Be forever blessed,

All: Forever loved,

One: Forever watched over by the risen Lord,

All: Forever called by name.

One: Go, knowing God's grace,

All: Sharing God's peace,

One: Living God's justice,

All: We are God's children,

One: Let us live as God's children.

All: Bearing God's blessing to all.

THE SENDING SONG: Ubuntu (*music at end of bulletin*)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner. Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning. Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled. Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time. On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker. Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower of Jesus. Regular attender. Occasional attender. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box. Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love. We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry.** Saint. Sinner. Democrat. Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering. We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed. We are all Beloved. —**You are welcome here.**

COME *as you are.*

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Children of God

Chil-dren of God, let's love one an - oth - er. Love is a gift, a bless
- ing of God. Love one an - oth - er, sis - ters and bro - thers.

1. -3.
Love is a gift of God.

4.
Love is a gift; love is a gift; love is a gift of God.

1. Let love be more than what we say.
2. Now per - fect love re - moves all fear.
3. Let us bear wit - ness to the Light,

Make it the way that we live each day. Oh, Oh,
By this we know God is al - ways near. Oh, Oh,
liv - ing in love, do - ing what is right. Oh, Oh,

If I Believe in Jesus

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'If I Believe in Jesus'. It consists of seven staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music starts with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are: 'If I be-lieve in Je - sus, do I need to fol - low Him?'. The second line repeats the same lyrics. The third line continues: ''Cause if I'm gon - na fol - low Him, some things are bound to change.'. The fourth line has lyrics: 'Time to go and love my neigh - bor; Time to break some bread with sin - ners; Time to help my home - less sis - ter;'. The fifth line continues: 'time to get down on my knees; time to weep for bro - ken dreams; time to wash my bro - ther's feet;'. The sixth line continues: 'time to step out on the wa - ter time to help a wound - ed strang - er time to speak a - gainst in - jus - tice'. The seventh line concludes with: 'but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with let - ting go of all of my things. but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble with lov - ing my en - e - mies. but I'm hav - ing some trou - ble con - front - ing the pow'rs that be.'

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Every Day

1. Ev-'ry day I will of - fer you, lov - ing God, my heart and
2. Ev-'ry day I will look to Christ, and give thanks for wine and
3. Ev-'ry day I will take your word, an - swer your com - pas - sion's

mind, ev - 'ry way I dis - cov - er you in the
bread through the pain and the emp - ti - ness where your
claim, cel - e - brate ev - 'ry sign of hope, ev - 'ry

work your hand has signed; help me see I'm your
world cries to be fed; help me see I can
deed done in your name; help me see you are

im - age and you have dreamed what I might be,
work for change, and wher - ev - er I might be,
al - ways there, and your light can shine through me,

ev-'ry day in your Spir - it I'll find the love and en - er - gy.

Ubuntu
(pronounced "oom-BOON-too")

Chorus

U - bun- tul U - bun- tul
 shar- ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun- tul where
 jus- tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The
 peo- ple to - geth- er join - ing our hearts and our
 hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to
 work for the peace of the land and so we do life!

Verses (echo song leader)

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union
 ... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother
 ... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,
 ... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us
 ... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

Bridge

1. Made by God's po - wer to live as God's own;
 2. Marked by the wa - ter and giv - en our name,
 3. God, give us cour - age to do what we say,
 made to be seen and be heard and to be known!
 moved by God's Spir - it, re - vived by hol - y flame!
 Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.