



Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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Confirmation Sunday (Easter 3)

This brief service is intended as a simple form of daily prayer for individuals and families. When more than one person is present, the Psalm and other parts of the service may be spoken responsively, with one person reading the words in regular type and the others responding with the words in bold type. The Creed and Prayers that are in bold type are to be said by all.

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Amen.

Introit

(From Psalm 145)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

For those with access to the internet, you may now play today's worship video, located on Bethany's website (www.bethanycr.org) under the Worship Resources tab and then continue with the Nicene Creed. Everyone else may continue the service as printed....

Scripture Lesson

(John 21:1-14)

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus

loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon – ✠ *Out of the Boat!* ✠ *(A copy is included at the end of this service.)*

The 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.**



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.**

Bethany's Prayer List

Thanksgiving

- Confirmation students being confirmed
- Brenda & Lee Heims - moving

Entrusting into God's Care

- Randy Schmith - servant event at Juarez/El Paso, May 14-21
- Wayne Schilling - hospice care
- The Kroemer family as they help a friend
- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Those suffering after the storm and during the pandemic
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Millie Zimmerman - recovering after surgery
- Lorelei Hackbardt - recovering after surgery
- Natalie Heller - recovering after surgery
- John Hamm - recovering after surgery
- Rob Willms - recovering after hospitalization
- Erin Wilson - health issues
- Kim Neuhaus - recovering after hospitalization
- Faye Sieck - health issues, upcoming surgery
- Doug Knutson - cancer treatment
- John Siebenmann - health issues
- Lee Rathje - recovering after surgery
- Cindy Broadwater - relief of foot pain
- Lynn Madsen - broken wrist
- Carol Grimminger - recovering after hospitalization
- Joel Knutson - recovering after surgery
- Sharon Ramsey - recovering after surgery
- Dave Christian - recovering at home after cardiac surgery

Homebound

- Larry & Sharon Easler - Summit Pointe, Marion

Mourning

- Carol (mother of Angie Pfeil) - died 4/15

Serving Our Country

- Ben - serving in the Iowa National Guard

- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - U.S. Navy

- Harrison (son of Rob & Faye Sieck) - Deployed to Germany

Collect of the Day

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Concluding Prayers

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Together we pray... **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



✠ *Out of the Boat!* ✠

Grace, Mercy and Peace to you from God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

It has been two weeks since Christians have celebrated the most important event in all of history. It has been two weeks since Easter and a lot has changed since then. For one thing, despite the chill in the air the last few days, the grass is greener and the trees are starting to bud. In addition, many people's eating habits have changed. Little chocolate bunnies have been taken off the shelves at grocery stores and a few people have resumed their normal diets after denying themselves during the season of Lent. We could go on further talking about the changes that have taken place over the last two weeks, and I'm sure that all of you could add something to the conversation. But two weeks after Easter, we read of some men whose lives don't seem to have changed all that much after that great day of resurrection.

Seven of the disciples were together after the resurrection when Peter declares, that he is going out to fish and the others went along with him. As is tradition even to this day on the Sea of Tiberias or the Sea of Galilee, the disciples fished at night and John tells us they caught nothing. If all this sounds a little familiar its because it is. On the very same sea many of Jesus' disciples were fishing in Luke 5. Like this time, they were out at night and had not caught a single fish. But there is something very different about these two fishing trips; it's the event that happened between them. When we read of the disciples fishing in Luke it's when they are being called by Jesus, a time when the disciples may not have even known who Jesus was. Here in our lesson this today, they had just spent three years with Jesus. They had listened to Him teach about the kingdom of God. They had seen Him perform numerous miracles. They had seen Him die, and we find out that they had seen Him after His resurrection. So, after all this, what do they do? They go out fishing just like in the old days.

Now on one hand, we can commend these disciples for going about their work after that first Easter. While they wait for Jesus' further instructions they might as well make themselves useful and do some work. But let's not forget that disciples had seen the Lord raised from the Dead! The disciples have heard Jesus teach them about Himself and the kingdom of Heaven. While they were hiding behind locked doors Jesus appeared to them and said, "*Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you*" (John 20:21). So perhaps we should hesitate praising them for going about their lives as if nothing had changed!

There are many people today who call themselves Christians who are in a sense out fishing when it comes to living their Christian lives. For we too have experienced the resurrection, we too know the Good News of Jesus Christ. But do the people in with whom we interact in our lives know that we believe? Can you imagine what the people on the shore must have been thinking as the disciple got into the boat to go fishing. "Ah, go running off after some crazy carpenter for three years and after He's crucified come running back home to your old job." Would people watching the disciples be able to tell that their Lord and God has risen from the grave? Would people watching you today be able to tell?

When you spend time relaxing, playing games or spending times in a hobby, reading or watching movies or TV, can people tell that Jesus lives? Or are they simply reminded that we live in a world that has been shattered by evil and sin. Do they see the power and glory of our resurrected Lord, or do they see the power of sin and the Tempter. Too often we hop right in that boat with the disciples. Too often we sin. Too often we go out fishing.

But, “*Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore.*” John tells us. Once again, Jesus comes to the disciples. He does not leave those whom He loves to flounder in their own doubt or misunderstanding. He performs a miracle, a huge catch of fish, causing John to proclaim Jesus’ identity and Peter to jump into the water. Reaching the shore, the cold, tired, and weary disciples find a warm meal of fish and bread waiting for them apparently prepared by Jesus Himself.

We may be thankful that no matter where we are in life, Christ comes to us as well. He stands on the shore and calls out to us. He calls out to us even though we may have turned away from Him in the past like Peter. He calls out to us, though we may not live our lives today as if He lives today. He calls out to us through His Word, the Bible. St. Paul reminds Timothy that all Scripture is God breathed and it is in God’s word that we find, not just the law, but the encouragement to keep the law and God’s forgiveness when we don’t. It is in Bible that we find the Gospel – a meal given to cold, tired, and weary disciples that nourishes and refreshes not just our bodies but also our hearts and souls.

All of this Christ is able to offer to us today because of the life that He lived among us. The life that He took upon Himself as He left the comfort and protection of heaven, to clothe Himself in our humanity so that He may take upon Himself our sin. And having suffered for our sin, when He had no sin Himself, His death upon the cross was the sacrifice to our Heavenly Father that gives us eternal life. We are forgiven for all of those times when we Christians, do not act like the name we bear.

Easter, therefore is not about doing the right thing all of the time. It’s not about us living holy and perfect lives. Rather, Easter shows us that while many things may change in life, there is one thing that will not and never will: and that is the love of God that He has for each one of us. It is a love that sent His son to the cross and raised Him from the dead for our sake. Amen.

