

August 7, 2022

Psalm 50

to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

- ¹ The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**
- ³ Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before whom is a devouring fire,
round about whom is a mighty storm.
- ⁴ **God calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that the people may be judged:**
- ⁵ 'Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'
- ⁶ **The heavens declare God's righteousness,
for God alone is judge.**
- ⁷ 'Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
- ⁸ **I do not reprove you for your sacrifices
your burnt-offerings are continually before me.**
- ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house,
nor he-goat from your folds.
- ¹⁰ **For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- ¹¹ I know all the birds of the air,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- ¹² **'If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and all that is in it is mine.**
- ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High;**
- ¹⁵ **and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.'**
- ¹⁶ But to the wicked God says:
'What right have you to recite my statutes,

or take my covenant on your lips?

**17 For you hate discipline,
and you cast my words behind you.**

**18 If you see thieves, you are their friends
and you keep company with adulterers.**

**19 'You give your mouth free rein for evil,
and your tongue frames deceit**

**20 You sit and speak against your brother;
you slander your mother's son.**

**21 These things you have done and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself.
But now I rebuke you, and lay the charge before you.**

**22 Mark this, then, you who forget God,
lest I rend, and there be none to deliver!**

**23 Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;
to those who order their way aright
I will show the salvation of God.'**

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ²For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.¹¹ By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude— innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,