

Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Holy Bible, pages 1345-1346

- Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.
- Ezekiel 37:2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.
- Ezekiel 37:3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."
- Ezekiel 37:4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'
- Ezekiel 37:5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.
- Ezekiel 37:6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' "
- Ezekiel 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.
- Ezekiel 37:8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.
- Ezekiel 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' "
- Ezekiel 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.
- Ezekiel 37:11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'
- Ezekiel 37:12 Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

Ezekiel 37:14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' ”

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-16, Holy Bible, pages 974-975

Ps 139:1 O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

Ps 139:2 **You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

Ps 139:3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Ps 139:4 **Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.**

Ps 139:5 You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

Ps 139:6 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

Ps 139:7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Ps 139:8 **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

Ps 139:9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

Ps 139:10 **even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

Ps 139:11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

Ps 139:12 **even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

Ps 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Ps 139:14 **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

Ps 139:15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

Ps 139:16 **your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

***People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.***

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21, Holy Bible, pages 1690-1692

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Act 2:2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

Act 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

- Act 2:5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.
- Act 2:6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.
- Act 2:7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"
- Act 2:8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?
- Act 2:9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- Act 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome
- Act 2:11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"
- Act 2:12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"
- Act 2:13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."
- Act 2:14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
- Act 2:15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!
- Act 2:16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
- Act 2:17 " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
- Act 2:18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
- Act 2:19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- Act 2:20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- Act 2:21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

People: (Please Stand)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15, Holy Bible, page 1678

John 15:26 “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

John 15:27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16:4b I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

John 16:5 “Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

John 16:6 Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.

John 16:7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

John 16:9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;

- John 16:10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;
- John 16:11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.
- John 16:12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.
- John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.
- John 16:14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.
- John 16:15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated: