# May 23, 2021

# **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading

Service. Scripture reading following morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading

Service. Scripture reading following morning service.

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund 2<sup>nd</sup> NAGMission 2<sup>nd</sup> Alpha Center

### We Remember in Prayer:

-Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

# **MEDITATION**

### **PENTECOST**

"I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring." Is. 44:3

The work of the Spirit is sometimes compared with the wind, or the dew, and sometimes with fire, as was shown in clear signs on the Day of Pentecost. Here Isaiah speaks of pouring water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon dry ground. Then he speaks of the Spirit upon "thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring." What a rich prophecy this is. How fitting is the comparison of the Spirit's work with the pouring of water.

For water:

- a) Will cleanse and purify. Ez. 36:25: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean."
- b) Makes fruitful. Gal. 5:22: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith," and more fruits could be mentioned.
  - c) Makes soft, gives broken hearts and contrite spirits.
  - d) Refreshes, after the heat of the day, after trials and afflictions.
- e) Is pleasant and gives delight and joy. Is. 56:7: The Lord will also make them joyful in His house of prayer.

Much more could be mentioned. Without the rain everything is barren, hard, cold, and without life and without fruits.

At Pentecost we see how 3000 people are pricked in their hearts and become supplicants at the throne of grace. It is a difficult and dangerous time for our youth. Many may have great concerns about their offspring, their children or grandchildren. However, here is a

precious promise of Him Who never lies, but keeps truth forever and does not forsake the work of His hands. Peter spoke about this in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2: 17: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

This became reality on the Day of Pentecost. It is a promise not only for the older, but also for the young, for the rising generation. May we supplicate the Lord for this blessing. He is the unchangeable God of the covenant. He is able to perform miracles of grace also among our youth. How much we need a new outpouring of the Spirit upon us and our seed! O, that He would rend the heavens and as the exalted Christ manifest His power as He has so richly done in days past! Then His Name would be glorified and His Zion would be revived and gladdened.

# The Day of Pentecost. Acts 2. 1-12, 17

J. Hart 8.8.6.

When the blest day of Pentecost
Was fully come, the Holy Ghost
Descended from above,
Sent by the Father and the Son,
To bring immortal blessings down,
And shed abroad God's love.

Sudden a rushing wind they hear; And fiery cloven tongues appear; And sat on every one; Cloven, perhaps, to be a sign, That God no longer would confine His word to Jews alone.

And were these first disciples blessed
With heavenly gifts? And shall the rest
Be passed unheeded by?
What! has the Holy Ghost forgot
To quicken souls that Christ has bought,
And lets them lifeless lie?

No, thou Almighty Paraclete,
Thou shedd'st thy heavenly influence yet,
Thou visit'st sinners still;
The breath of life, thy quickening flame,
Thy power, thy Godhead, still the same,
We own, because we feel.

# **NOTES**

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Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalm 99:9

All who would like to stand for the 3<sup>rd</sup> song are welcome to.

### Consistory

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Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.