

was a Gentile. (On that issue, this account connects to the healing of the Centurions servant.) Jesus has the authority of God to heal disease, and as God, He has the authority to give life to whom He pleases. Unlike Elijah, Jesus did this work on His own effort and work. Jesus showered His compassion on the widow. Jesus as the Only Begotten Son of God would die. The Only Begotten Son of His Father would raise Himself from the dead, after completing the work of the reconciliation of our flesh to God our Father. (It is interesting that the people would recognize, "God has come to help his people!" Since this is alike to what is declared of Paul and Barnabas in Acts 14.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

⑩ Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have ordained that the whole family in Heaven and on Earth is named after Him. We worship You for Your manifold wisdom, Your mighty works, and Your perfect holiness. We especially praise You for our reconciliation to You through the sufferings and death of Your Son. We through faith in Him enter with confidence into Your presence and bring to You our prayers and petitions.

We ask You to look upon our moral frailty and spiritual weakness, and the evil we have no power to overcome, and by Your Holy Spirit, strengthen us by the gift of a true faith in Jesus Christ. Grant that He may be Lord of our lives, giving us the conviction of Your pardon and acceptance, molding our wills to You will, purifying our emotions, quickening our consciences, and cleansing the principles of our actions by dwelling in our hearts in faith and love.

Pour on the nations of the Earth such a knowledge of Your glory, that they may turn to You, the Only God, and to Your Son Jesus Christ, and find salvation. Grant You favor on our land that multitudes of our citizens will turn from evil and come to faith and be filled with all Your fullness.

Increase Your grace to us and enlarge our trust so that we will unfailingly come to You in prayer with believing hearts asking You for all our wants and need, but especially for Your mercy and deliverance. Bestow on us the intelligence that leads to an understanding of Your majesty and power.

Give a special measure of Your power to those who are in sorrow or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive Your blessed aid and be delivered from every danger.

Hear us as we bring to You our private petitions. (**Time of silent prayer.**)

These things and whatever else we should have asked of You but did not, we raise before You, O God, through our Redeemer and Lord Jesus Christ.

© Amen.

PROPER FIVE

Chant Tone



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Turn to me and be gra | cious to me;*
give Your strength to Your servant, and
save the son of Your maid —servant.

On the day I called You | answered me;
My strength of soul | You increased.
Though I walk in the midst of — trouble,*
You pre | serve my life;
You stretch out Your hand against the
wrath of my | enemies,*
and Your right hand de | livers me.

The Lord will fulfill His pur | pose for me.*
Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures
forever. Do not forsake the work | of
Your hands.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy —Spirit;
as it was in the be — ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. —Amen.

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(Antiphon, Psalm 86:16;
Psalm 138:3, 7-8)

Collect of the Day

O Lord, Father of all mercy and God of all comfort, You always go before and follow after us. Grant that we may rejoice in Your gracious presence and continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Gradual

The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,*
that is the word of faith that | we proclaim.
For with the heart one believes and is | justified,*
and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

(Romans 10:8b, 10)

ENTRANCE PRAYER: Lord God, heavenly Father, we come before You with thanksgiving and praise. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and redemption. We thank You for raising Your Son Jesus Christ from the dead and for preparing a place eternal in Heaven for all who trust in Your Son as their Savior. For sending us Your Holy Spirit so that we are made acceptable through Jesus to call Him Christ and Lord, we give You thanks. We pray for our leaders in both state and church, make them of one mind with You. Be with the sick, the lonely, the depressed. We ask these favors, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

"A GREAT PROPHET HAS ARISEN AMONG US!" The people recognized something special in Jesus because of the works He did among them. In the raising of the Widow's son, Jesus proved to the people that He had authority even over death. Jesus proved His authority over death and hell, by dying for us and then raising Himself up on the third day as He had proclaimed. Jesus proves His authority over our death by giving us the benefit and blessings of His death and Resurrection, raising us to life in the water and the Word of our Baptism. We welcome all who have been called out by God to worship Him. We are called out of the darkness of our sin to bask in the light of the eternal Son of God, who set Himself into our flesh. He is our brother, He is the Emmanuel--the God of our life. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are looking to stay, we invite you to make Resurrection your church home. If you have any questions please ask them during our after worship time of cookies, coffee and conversation.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Calling On God

INTROIT—(Antiphon, Psalm 86:16;) Psalm 138:3, 7-8

Psalm 86 is considered to be a general prayer of David's. It teaches us to lift up our hearts to God. Psalm 138 (for the first time in our reading cycle,) is a general Psalm of David. In it he establishes our theme for today, that of calling out to God and then being healed by Him.

COLLECT

We call on God to be with us in all things, that we can fulfill His will.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Kings 17:17-24

Elijah was given the authority to accomplish miraculous acts. He was cared for by ravens and eventually a (Gentile) widow. The widow had worked to avoiding the attention of a god whom she thought would punish her. She believed that Elijah had brought her to the attention of God, and that God had killed her son. In what can only be accredited to Elijah being a forerunner (and type) of Christ, the boy was given back his life. Elijah took the boy up to his room prayed and threw himself on the lifeless body. This was an act of exchange. Elijah was offering his life in exchange for the boy. God did not require the exchange from Elijah, but God made Jesus exchange His life for ours.

GRADUAL—Romans 10:8b, 10

Today we add the second part of verse 8 to the second half of the Gradual for Pentecost (verse 10,) and we comment on the work of the Holy Spirit. He put the Word in our heart and head and made it possible for us to proclaim our faith.

EPISTLE LESSON—Galatians 1:11-24

Paul was not an Apostle because of the work of any man. He was an Apostle because of the miraculous intervention of Jesus, accomplished after His Ascension. In his former life, Paul was worthless to God, or even worse, Paul was a part of the persecution of Christians. The change came with the direct Revelation of Jesus, and put Paul into the position of Apostle in the same way as any of the Twelve. Paul was the last addition to keep the number at Twelve and would have replaced James after he was martyred. (Through Paul's conversion, God proclaimed His ability to change the hearts and lives of those whom He desires. Through the work and person of Jesus Christ our Savior, God will take us out of our dead sins and make us over into the people useful to His kingdom.

GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 7:11-17

This Gospel Lesson causes a lot of controversy, including an argument over the nationality of the widow of Nain. I side with those who say she