

Pentecost Sunday, May 23

Read Acts 2

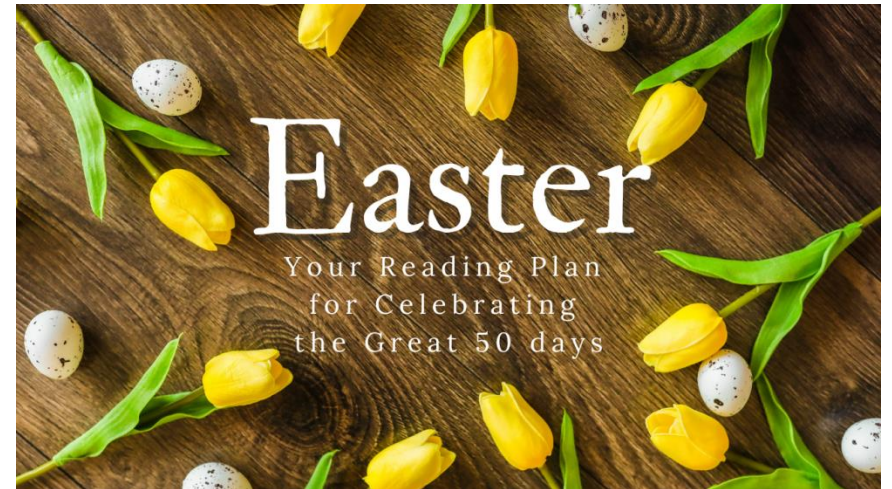
Holy Spirit, rest on me and bring me rest
A peace that passes understanding
A peace beyond circumstance and season
A peace deep within
Stillness in the storm

Holy Spirit, rest on me and ready me
A strong foundation, solid and steadfast
Seeing as you see
Your mind and heart within me
Hearing and heeding your counsel
Divine and life-giving and intimate
Wisdom of the ages speak, I'm listening

Holy Spirit, rest on me and release me
Empowered by your might, committed and vulnerable
Strength of soul and character
Strength of virtue and honor
Strength to build up and make way
Your truth pouring forth, generous and creative
Awakening and instructing and sustaining

Holy Spirit, I ask this humbly
Reverently
For your honor and glory alone. Amen.

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

~1 Peter 1:3-5

After each day's reading, write a sentence prayer inspired by what you just read in the space provided.

The Sunday scriptures starting April 18 come from our next sermon series, *Shine*: sermons inspired by our stained glass window.

Easter Sunday, April 4
Christ is Risen (John 20:1-18)

We will rise
From the destruction
From the ruins
From the sin and isolation

We will rise
Building strong foundations
Bridging the breach
Making a way, a highway for our God

We will rise in our ceasing
A holy fast of God's desiring and design

Fasting from injustice
Letting loose the bonds
Breaking every yoke of oppression and affliction

Fasting from food and space and clothing
Simplicity and sacrifice so others may have enough

Fasting from busyness
Reclaiming the good gifts of relationship and sabbath

Fasting from evil speech
Blaming, gossiping, demonizing, lying
Truth will be on our tongue
Life will be on our lips

We will rise for this is the way of the Risen One
The bones of the Body will be strong
The branches of the Vine will be well watered
The ruins will be rebuilt with living stones
We will rise!

May 17: 1 Peter 1

May 18: 1 Peter 2

May 19: 1 Peter 3

May 20: 1 Peter 4

May 21: 1 Peter 5

Seventh Week of Easter

Sunday, May 16 Reading

Dove (Hosea 11:10-11; Matt. 3:13-17; Matt. 10:16)

Receive and Rejoice!

Rejoice with an indescribable joy

Inexpressible, unspeakable

A joy greater than words

A great and glorious joy

Loose

Liberated

Boundless

Receive and Rejoice!

A joy worthy of new birth, of living hope

A joy anchored in the imperishable, the Eternal

undefiled and unfading

Receive and Rejoice!

This joy was chosen for you, destined for you

Sanctified, sprinkled, and saved for you

By the Merciful One

God, the Father of grace

God, the Risen Savior

God, the Sustaining Spirit

Receive and Rejoice!

April 5: John 20:1-18

April 6: John 20:19-31

April 7: John 21:1-14

April 8: John 21:15-25

April 9: Mark 16

Second Week of Easter

Sunday, April 11 Reading
Sermon Provided by the Florida Conference Staff

*Open my eyes to your presence
Break the bread
Tear the loaf and the veil in two*

*Open my eyes to your presence
Your Word and your way
Setting my heart aflame*

*Open my eyes to your presence
A dawn of recognition
The fullness of your grace
Now mine to reveal*

May 10: 1 John 1

May 11: 1 John 2

May 12: 1 John 3

May 13: 1 John 4

May 14: 1 John 5

Sixth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 9 Reading
Rainbows and Jewels (Genesis 9:8-17; Zechariah 9:9-17)

Jesus
Light of Life, Light of Healing
Light of Relationship and Saving Love

Open my lips as you open my eyes
Open my lips as you open my ears
Open my lips to declare your praise
Your power
Your welcome
Your hope

Open my lips in all seasons
in all circumstances

You reveal, I receive
New life is born

You reveal, I reveal
Your Kingdom comes
Your family increases
as does the joy

Open my lips

April 12: Luke 24:1-12

April 13: Luke 24:13-35

April 14: Luke 24:36-53

April 15: Matthew 28:1-10

April 16: Matthew 28:11-20

Third Week of Easter

Sunday, April 18 Reading
Light (John 3:14-21)

*Most blessed, most beautiful Christ,
in you we receive all things*

*The receiving takes growth, so you give us guiding-
saints and sages and scripture
Thank you for the guiding*

*The receiving takes others, so you give us the world-
nature and neighbors and nations
Thank you for the world*

*The receiving takes change, so you give us seasons-
life and death and new life
Thank you for the seasons*

*The receiving takes time, so you give us time-
present and future and forever
Thank you for the time*

*Most blessed, most beautiful
You give us yourself
And in you, O Christ
We belong to you and to God and to all
Thank you for the giving*

May 3: Ephesians 6

May 4: Colossians 1

May 5: Colossians 2

May 6: Colossians 3

May 7: Colossians 4

Fifth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 2 Reading

Chalice (Psalm 16:1-5; Psalm 116:12-19)

*Bless Christ through whom all things are made.
Join seen and unseen in their praise
of One who both creates, sustains
who goes before, in justice reigns.*

*Who makes the lion and the lamb
the farthest star, the smallest hand
dominions, rulers, and their pow'rs
the steadfast mount, the fleeting hours?*

*Who made the ore for blood-soaked nails?
Who made the thorns and whipping tails?
Who made the sun that would not shine
and made the tree on which Christ died?*

*Who makes the waters of our birth?
Who makes the dust where we return?
Who makes the way for us to die
and rise to everlasting life?*

*Bless Christ through whom all things are made.
Join seen and unseen in their praise
of One who both creates, sustains
who goes before, in justice reigns.*

April 19: 1 Corinthians 15

April 20: Philippians 1

April 21: Philippians 2

April 22: Philippians 3

April 23: Philippians 4

Fourth Week of Easter

Sunday, April 25 Reading
Cross (Ephesians 2:11-22)

*I desire the fullness of You
The height and the depth, the length and the breadth
Oh God I desire the fullness of Your love, Your love in Christ Jesus*

*Root me in Your love
Establish those roots to the core of Your heart
Root me in Your love
Grow them deep, grow them true tapping into the fullness of You*

*I desire the fullness of You
The height and the depth, The length and the breadth
Oh God I desire the fullness of Your love, Your love in Christ Jesus*

*Grant me Your power together with all who choose to believe
Grant us Your power. Light our minds, Shine right through
till we grasp the vast fullness of You*

*I want to know Your love, a love that surpasses all knowledge
The full measure of Your love
You are Love, my Love, our Love, our first Love*

*We desire the fullness of You
The height and the depth, the length and the breadth
Oh God we desire the fullness
Of Your love, Your love in Christ Jesus*

April 26: Ephesians 1

April 27: Ephesians 2

April 28: Ephesians 3

April 29: Ephesians 4

April 30: Ephesians 5
