

CONFESSING CHRIST - DAILY LECTIONARY AND PRAYERS

Pentecost-Trinity Season, 2013

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“This is the word of the Lord,... Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says
the Lord of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6)

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The Festival of Pentecost, 5/19	Acts 2:1-21 *1974, Bread for the World	P. V. George Syracuse, NY
Monday, 5/20	Romans 8:14-17 +1935, Jane Addams	Richard Glatfelter Monroe, OH
Tuesday, 5/21	Romans 8:18-25	Milton E. Gockley, Jr. Lancaster, PA
Wednesday, 5/22	Romans 8:26-27	Peter Goguts Robesonia, PA
Thursday, 5/23	Romans 8:28-30	Gerald Goldsworthy Mt. Prospect, IL
Friday, 5/24	Romans 8:31-39	Charlotte P. Gosselink Kennett Square, PA
Saturday, 5/25	Psalms 104:24-30	Stephen & Susan Gould Elkhart Lake, WI
Trinity Sunday/1 Pentecost, 5/26	Psalms 8	Kathryn Greene-McCreight New Haven, CT
Monday, 5/27 (Memorial Day)	Romans 5:1-5 +1564, John Calvin +1676, Paul Gerhardt	Christa Gregel Berlin, Germany

Tuesday, 5/28	Psalm 129:1-6 1962, Amnesty Int'l.	Reinhard Groscurth Bremen, Germany
Wednesday, 5/29	Psalm 129:7-11 1934, Confessing Synod of Barmen	Ruben Grosshuesch Sheboygan, WI
Thursday, 5/30	Romans 11:33-36	Linda Gruber Phoenixville, PA
Friday, 5/31	John 3:1-9 +1680, Joachim Neander 1934, Barmen Declaration	Robert Hamilton Elkhart Lake, WI
Saturday, 6/01	Psalm 145:1-7 +1971, Reinhold Niebuhr	Joanne Hartunian Belmont, MA
2 Pentecost/1 Trinity, 6/02	Luke 7:1-10 +1944, Hildegard Jacobi 1924, Native Americans granted U.S. citizenship	Esther Haskell Claremont, MA
Monday, 6/03	Psalm 96:1-9 +1963, Pope John XXIII	Philip Haslanger Madison, WI
Tuesday, 6/04	Psalm 96:10-13	Steve S. Hicky Southgate, KY
Wednesday, 6/05	2 Corinthians 1:1-11	Kim & Kay Henning Two Rivers, WI
Thursday, 6/06	Psalm 13	Ramon & Fern Hernandez Madison, WI
Friday, 6/07	1 John 4:16b-21	Kristin Herzog Durham, NC
Saturday, 6/08	2 Corinthians 5:6-10 +1727, August Hermann Francke	Ralph E. Houseman Grafton, WI

3 Pentecost/2 Trinity, 6/09	Luke 7:11-17 +1870, Charles Dickens	Robert E. Howell Walnut Creek, CA
Monday, 6/10	Psalms 146	Robert G. Hunsicker Lancaster, PA
Tuesday, 6/11	Psalms 30:1-5	Joan Hunt Weston, MA
Wednesday, 6/12	Psalms 30:6-12 *1929, Anne Frank	Dorothy Hutch Branford, CT
Thursday, 6/13	Galatians 2:15-21 +1965, Martin Buber	Steven Jaberg West Bend, WI
Friday, 6/14	Galatians 3:23-29	J. Charles Janes Cadillac, MI
Saturday, 6/15	Mark 4:26-34	Clifford J. Janssen St. Louis, MO
4 Pentecost/3 Trinity, 6/16	Luke 7:36-8:3 1976, Soweto Massacre South Africa	Laverne R. Joseph Long Beach, CA
Monday, 6/17	Psalms 12 *1703, John Wesley	Harvey Kandler Kaukauna, WI
Tuesday, 6/18	1 Timothy 1:12-17 1934, Native American self-gov't 1979, Salt II Agreement	Robert E. Kasper Elgin, IL
Wednesday, 6/19	Matthew 9:1-8	Christoph Keinburg Paderborn, Germany
Thursday, 6/20	Matthew 9:9-13	William Kesting Cleveland, WI
Friday, 6/21	Matthew 9:14-26	Ray F. Kibler Claremont, CA

Saturday, 6/22	Matthew 9:27-38	Russell Kimmerly Harrison, OH
5 Pentecost/4 Trinity, 6/23	Luke 8:26-39	Matthew T. Kingsley Chicago, IL
Monday, 6/24	Psalms 42:1-8	Paul Kittlaus Claremont, CA
Tuesday, 6/25	Psalms 43:9-11 1530, Augsburg Confession 1945, United Nations Charter	Armin F. Klemme Union, MO
Wednesday, 6/26	Psalms 33:1-9 +1988, Hans Urs von Balthasar	Russell Knowth Germantown, WI
Thursday, 6/27	Psalms 33:10-17 *1880, Helen Keller	Robert Koenig Wernersville, PA
Friday, 6/28	Psalms 33:18-22 +202, Irenaeus	Paul Koepke Goshen, IN
Saturday, 6/29	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	R. Gerhard & Ruth Koslowsky Bruchl, Germany
6 Pentecost/5 Trinity, 6/30	Luke 9:51-62 *1939, Dorothy Kazel	David Kratz Seattle, WA
Monday, 7/01	Psalms 19:1-6 1968, Non-Proliferation Treaty	Howard & Martha Kriebel Collegeville, PA
Tuesday, 7/02	Psalms 19:7-14 1964, Civil Rights Act	Dale Kuck Merrill, WI
Wednesday, 7/03	Romans 14:10-13	Karl & Kathryn Kuhn Kiel, WI
Thursday, 7/04 (Independence Day)	Amos 5:21-24 1983, Witness for Peace	Juergen Kunellis Moers, Germany

July 4, 1976, San Patricio Massacre, Buenos Aires

"This parish (San Patricio) has been blessed by the presence of those who chose to live not for themselves, but to die so that others may live." (Jorge Bergaglio, Pope Francis) (On this day, 18 priests, 11 seminarians and nearly 50 Catholic lay workers were killed at San Patricio or "were disappeared" by Argentinian death squads.)

Friday, 7/05	Psalm 105:1-6	Abigail Kurken Chicago, IL
Saturday, 7/06	Psalm 106:1-3 +1415, John Hus	Fred Kurkowski Clemmons, NC
7 Pentecost/6 Trinity, 7/07	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Thomas B. Lane Bradenton, FL
Monday, 7/08	Luke 10:21-24 *1867, Kathe Kollwitz	Allen Lang Oxford, NY
Tuesday, 7/09	Psalm 25:1-7	Andy Lang Cleveland, OH
Wednesday, 7/10	Psalm 25:8-22 *1509, John Calvin	David & Lynne Jenkins Lauer Elkhart Lake, WI
Thursday, 7/11	Mark 6:1-6	Carl W. Lavin New Braunfels, TX
Friday, 7/12	Mark 6:7-13 +1536, Erasmus *1817, Henry David Thoreau	John Lengel Richardland, PA
Saturday, 7/13	Mark 6:30-44	Wanda Lester Salisbury, PA
8 Pentecost/7 Trinity, 7/14	Luke 10:25-37	John C. Lombard Concord, MA
Monday, 7/15	Colossians 1:1-14	Anna Lutz Lancaster, PA

Tuesday, 7/16	Colossians 1:15-20	Brad Lutz Fort Lauderdale, FL
Wednesday, 7/17	Colossians 1:21-29	Charles Mackley Clear Spring, MD
Thursday, 7/18	Ephesians 4:1-6 1868, African-Americans granted U.S. citizenship +1939, Paul Schneider	Robert J. MacLeod Millbury, MA
Friday, 7/19	Ephesians 4:7-16	Alan Macy Great Barrington, MA
Saturday, 7/20	Ephesians 4:17-32 1954, Geneva Agreements	James Martin & Jennifer Dawson Fond du Lac, WI
9 Pentecost/8 Trinity, 7/21	Luke 10:38-42	George C. Martz New Bloomfield, PA
Monday, 7/22	Psalms 86:1-7	James McCutcheon Brewster, MA
Tuesday, 7/23	Psalms 86:8-13	Maureen McDonnell Madison, WI
Wednesday, 7/24	Psalms 86:14-17	Duane McDonough Cedarville, IL
Thursday, 7/25	Psalms 108:1-4	Douglas Meeks & Blair Gilmer Meeks Brentwood, TN
Friday, 7/26	Proverbs 2:1-8 1960, Americans with Disabilities Act	Robert & Leslie Meyer Chicago, IL
Saturday, 7/27	Matthew 7:7-11	David Michael Madison, WI

PRAYERS AND RESOURCES FOR THE PENTECOST/TRINITY SEASON, 2013

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

O God of love, who has given a new commandment through Your only begotten Son, that we should love one another, even as You have loved us, the unworthy and wandering, and gave Your beloved Son for our life and salvation: We ask that You give to Your servants, at all times during our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our sisters and brothers.

(Coptic Liturgy of St. Cyril, adapt.)

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We love You, O our God, and we desire to love You more and more. Grant to us that we may love You as much as we desire and as much as we ought. O dearest Friend, who has so loved and saved us, the thought of whom is so sweet and always growing sweeter, come with Christ and dwell in our hearts; then You will keep watch over our lips, our steps, our deeds, and we shall not need to be anxious either for our souls or our bodies. Give us love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Give us in our hearts pure love, born of Your love to us, that we may love others as You love us. O most loving God in Jesus Christ, from whom flows all love, let our hearts, so often frozen in sin, cold to You and cold to others, be warmed by this divine fire. So help us and bless us in Your Son.

(St. Anselm, 1033 – 1109 A.D., adapt.)

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O Lord, help us by prayer to hold fast to You, and by love to cleave steadfastly... When Your providences are dark to our eyes, strengthen our faith, and whatever portion You allot to us, give us grace to say, "It is enough."

(Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894, adapt.)

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Gracious God, Breath of Life, we kneel down in wonder, joy and thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit, as powerful as wind and flame and as gentle as a descending dove. Speak to us in the sacred stillness. Let us look, listen, and discover Your presence working within and around us today.

(Dorothy Palmer, adapt., in *Oratio: A Book of Prayers for the Church Year and for Special Occasions*, ed., Frederick R. Trost, Minneapolis, Kirk House Publishers, 2000)

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O God, whose mercy reaches to the heavens, and whose righteousness to the clouds, teach us to resist everything which is evil, and to set ourselves on every good path; that our trust being under the shadow of Your wings, we may rejoice in Your loving-kindness all the days of our lives, and at last, in the light of Your face, we may see everlasting light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jeremy Taylor, 1613-1667. adapt. Jeremy Taylor was a bishop of the Church of England. He was born in what is today Northern Ireland, a few miles from Belfast. He composed two of the great devotional books in the history of the Church: *Rule and Exercises of Holy Living* (1650) and *Rule and Exercises of Holy Dying* (1651). For reasons unknown, he was imprisoned in 1654 and again in 1655. Many of his sermons were published. He died in relative obscurity, though he later became known as the "Chrysostom of England.")

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Noise:

The noise that prevents us hearing the voice of God is not, it is truly not, the clamor of humankind, the racket of cities, still less the stirring of the wind or the whispering of water. The noise that completely smothers the voice of God is the inner uproar of outraged self-esteem, of awakening suspicion, of unsleeping ambition.

(Dom Helder Camara in *A Thousand Reasons for Living*, Philadelphia, Fortress Press, 1981)

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The Great Thanksgiving:

At the heart of the Christian life is the Eucharist, the Great Thanksgiving. Saint Augustine of Hippo used to say to his converts, "Become what you are" as they shared in the Eucharist, for they were the bread and the wine, the Body and Blood of Christ. They were being exhorted to be Eucharistic people, the community that was forever saying "Thank you" to God for everything; for life, for good health, for food, for safety in travel, for joy, for laughter, for friendship, for fish caught, for a job, for the stars, for the sun, for birds, for grace, for God. Unless we are thankful, we will suffer the leprosy of ingratitude. We will be depressed and full of self-pity and jealousy.

(Bishop Desmond Tutu in *An African Prayer Book*, New York, Doubleday, 1995)

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Love:

Love is the sacrament of sacraments;
 For God is Love, and Love is God;
 Who loves knows God, and in God all the heights
 And depths of those high rapturous delights
 Which for Love's soul are very soul of life,
 And through the troubled ways,—through stress and strife,
 Bear the soul upward to that final goal
 Where Life and Love make one full-rounded whole.

Love tints the grayest life with rose;
 Love kindles fires 'mid winter snows.
 Love draws the fallen from their sin;
 Love helps the sinner grace to win.
 Love lifts the fringes of the night;
 Love gifts the eyes of Faith with sight.
 Love to all loveliness is kin;
 Love molds all Life,—without,—within.
 Love is the mightiest power on earth;
 Love to Eternal Hope gives birth.
 Love—the Beginning and the End—
 All life and death doth comprehend.
 Love lived in Death upon the Tree;
 Love lives again, for you and me.
 Love through eternity endures,
 For God is Love,
 And Love is God,
 Thank God for Love,—God's first,—then yours.

(John Oxenham in *Selected Poems of John Oxenham*, New York, Harper and Brothers, 1948)

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Visions:

The visions which I saw I did not perceive in dreams nor when asleep nor in a delirium nor with the eyes or ears of the body. I received them when I was awake and looking around with a clear mind, with the inner eyes and ears, in open places according to the will of God.

(St. Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179. She was abbess and founder of a Benedictine community; an author, a theologian, a prophetic figure, a reformer, a preacher, musician and composer, a poet, an artist, a doctor and pharmacist. She was relatively unknown for 800 years, until her life and faith were discovered again by the Church in recent decades. During her lifetime, her visions were written down. They were presented to the Archbishop of Mainz, who read them and had them tested for "orthodoxy." They were subsequently honored. She was then provided with a monk who served as her secretary. In the years that followed, she wrote what has become a famous book, *Scivias*, (*Know the Ways*), which was read by Pope Eugenius III. He thereafter encouraged her to continue to write. In *Scivias*, St. Hildegard offers a picture of human beings and the cosmos as emanations from God's love, "living sparks" and rays of divine splendor, "just as the rays of the sun proceed from the sun itself." Interestingly, when she moved her Benedictine community to a hill above the Rhine, near Bingen, she encountered resistance from monks who preferred that she remain at the old site. Why? They were somewhat depended on income from pilgrims who traveled past their monastery.) Eine alte Geschichte!

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"For no one can lay foundation other than the one that has been laid: that foundation is Jesus Christ."

(1 Cor. 3:11, NRSV)