

# Ten Days Before Pentecost

## Re-presenting ourselves, our church bodies and the ARC to Jesus

Date	Focus
<p>Thursday, May 13</p>	<p><b>Repentance for Sins of Commission</b> <b>Where have I knowingly violated the Spirit?</b></p> <p><b>Reflection &amp; Discussion: Matthew 5:3-11</b>  <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.  <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.  <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.  <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.  <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> "O Jesus, my feet are dirty. Come even as a slave to me, pour water into your bowl, come and wash my feet. In asking such a thing I know I am overbold but I dread what was threatened when you said to me, 'If I do not wash your feet I have you fellowship with you.' Wash my feet then, because I long for your companionship. And yet, what am I asking? It was well for Peter to ask you to wash his feet, for him that was all that was needed for him to be clean in every part. With me it is different, though you wash me now I shall still stand in need of that other washing, the cleansing you promised when you said 'there is a baptism I must needs be baptized with'." (Origen)</p>
<p>Friday, May 14</p>	<p><b>Repentance for Sins of Omission</b> <b>Where have I ignored the Spirit?</b></p> <p><b>Reflection &amp; Discussion: Galatians 5:16-26</b>  <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.  <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Wilt thou forgive that sin where I began, which is my sin, though it were done before? Wilt thou forgive those sins, through which I run, and do them still though still I do deplore? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.</p> <p>Wilt Thou forgive that sin, by which I have won others to sin, and made my sin their door? Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.</p> <p>I have a sin of fear that when I have spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore; Swear by Thyself that at my Death thy Sun shall shine as it shines now and heretofore; And having done that, thou hast done, I have no more. (John Donne)</p>

<p>Saturday, May 15</p>	<p><b>Repentance for lack of first love toward Jesus</b>  <b>Asking the Spirit to reveal “coldness” in my devotion to Jesus</b></p> <p><b>Reflection &amp; Discussion: Revelation 2:1-7, Luke 10: 38-41</b>  <sup>1</sup><i>"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.</i>  <sup>2</sup> <i>"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup>I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.<sup>5</sup>Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not,I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'</i></p> <p><sup>38</sup><i>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things.</i></p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> “O most gracious and loving Jesu, my Lord and my God, fountain of all grace, come into my soul with the fullness of thy grace. Jesu most patient, too long have I made thee wait for me, yet come to me: endure me a sinner, and make me, through thy patience, to endure all things, and to be patient with all. Jesu most humble, make me through thy humility so humble that I may never lift up myself, for anything against anything, as to any one. Jesu most loving, come with all thy love into my soul, that I may love thee with a burning love, and love all and each with thine own love. (E.B. Pusey)</p>
<p>Sunday, May 16</p>	<p><b>Re-embracing the Bible as God’s self-revelation</b>  <b>Committing again to regular infusions of God’s Word</b></p> <p><b>Reflection &amp; Discussion: Psalm 1, Psalm 19</b></p> <p><i>Psalm 1</i>  <sup>1</sup><i>Blessed is the man</i>  <i>who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,</i>  <i>nor stands in the way of sinners,</i>  <i>nor sits in the seat of scoffers;</i>  <sup>2</sup><i>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,</i>  <i>and on his law he meditates day and night.</i>  <sup>3</sup><i>He is like a tree</i>  <i>planted by streams of water</i>  <i>that yields its fruit in its season,</i>  <i>and its leaf does not wither.</i>  <i>In all that he does, he prospers. <sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,</i>  <i>but are like chaff that the wind drives away.</i>  <sup>5</sup><i>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,</i>  <i>nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;</i>  <sup>6</sup><i>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,</i>  <i>but the way of the wicked will perish.</i></p> <p><i>Psalm 19</i>  <sup>1</sup> <i>The heavens declare the glory of God,</i>  <i>and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.</i>  <sup>2</sup><i>Day to day pours out speech,</i>  <i>and night to night reveals knowledge.</i>  <sup>3</sup><i>There is no speech, nor are there words,</i>  <i>whose voice is not heard.</i>  <sup>4</sup> <i>Their voice goes out through all the earth,</i></p>

*and their words to the end of the world.  
 In them he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
 and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
 and its circuit to the end of them,  
 and there is nothing hidden from its heat.  
<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
 reviving the soul;  
 the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
 making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right,  
 rejoicing the heart;  
 the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
 enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is clean,  
 enduring forever;  
 the rules of the LORD are true,  
 and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
 even much fine gold;  
 sweeter also than honey  
 and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
 in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors?  
 Declare me innocent from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
 let them not have dominion over me!  
 Then I shall be blameless,  
 and innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
 be acceptable in your sight,  
 O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

**Prayer:** "Grant me, even me, my dearest Lord, to know thee, and love thee, and rejoice in thee. And if I cannot do these perfectly in this life, let me at least advance to higher degrees every day, till I can come to do them in perfection. Let the knowledge of thee increase in me here, that it may be full hereafter. Let the love of thee grow every day more and more here, that it may be perfect hereafter; that my joy may be great in itself, and full in thee. I know, O God, that thou art a God of truth, O make good thy gracious promises to me, that my joy may be full. Amen." (St. Augustine)

Monday,  
May 17

**Re-embracing the Body of Christ with servant love  
 Committing again to connect in love to the people with whom the Spirit has placed me**

**Reflection & Discussion: Ephesians 4:1 – 5:2**

*<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says,*

*"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
 and he gave gifts to men."*

*<sup>9</sup> ( In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature*

	<p><i>of the fullness of Christ,<sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.</i></p> <p><i><sup>17</sup>Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.<sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.<sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.<sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ!—<sup>21</sup>assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,<sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,<sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.</i></p> <p><i><sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.<sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,<sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil.<sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.<sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.<sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.</i></p> <p><i><sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.</i></p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> “And I offer also for all those whom I have in any way grieved, vexed, oppressed, and scandalized, by word or deed, knowingly or unknowingly; that thou may equally forgive us all our sins, and all our offenses against each other. Take away, O Lord, from our hearts all suspiciousness, indignation, anger, and contention, and whatever is calculated to wound charity, and to lessen brotherly love. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy on those who seek thy mercy; give grace to the needy; make us so to live, that we may be found worthy to enjoy the fruition of thy grace, and that we may attain to eternal life.” (Thomas a Kempis)</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 18</p>	<p><b>Re-embracing the Mission of God to go and make disciples Committing again to be an explicit witness as the Spirit guides</b></p> <p><b>Reflection &amp; Discussion: Matthew 28:18-20</b></p> <p><i><sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."</i></p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> “On your last days on earth you promised o leave us the Holy Spirit as our present comforter. We also know that your Holy Spirit blows over this earth. But we do not understand him. Many think he is only wind or a feeling. Let your Holy Spirit break into our lives. Let him come like blood into our veins, so that we will be driven entirely by your will. Let your Spirit blow over wealthy Europe and America, so that men there will be humble. Let him blow over the poor parts of the world, so that men there need suffer no more. Let him blow over Africa, so that men here may understand what true freedom is. There are a thousand voices and spirits in this world, but we want to hear only your voice, and be open only to your Spirit.” (Prayer of a young Ghanaian Christian)</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 19</p>	<p><b>Presenting ourselves as living sacrifices in conscious worship Offering myself again as a worshiper of God</b></p> <p><b>Reflection &amp; Discussion: Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 13:15</b></p> <p><i><sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,</i></p>

	<p><i>holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.</i> <sup>2</sup> <i>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.</i></p> <p><sup>15</sup> <i>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.</i></p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> “Lord Jesus Christ; Let me seek you by desiring you, and let me desire you by seeking you; let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you. I confess, Lord, with thanksgiving, that you have made me in your image, so that I can remember you, think of you, and love you. But that image is so worn and blotted out by faults, and darkened by the smoke of sin, that it cannot do that for which it was made, unless you renew and refashion it. Lord, I am not trying to make my way to your height, for my understanding is in no way equal to that, but I do desire to understand a little of your truth which my heart already believes and loves. I do not seek to understand so that I can believe, but I believe so that I may understand; and what is more, I believe that unless I do believe, I shall not understand.” (St. Anselm)</p>
<p>Thursday, May 20</p>	<p><b>Presenting ourselves as living sacrifices in using our gifts to serve the Body Offering myself and my gifts again as a servant of God’s people</b></p> <p><b>Reflection &amp; Discussion: Romans 12:3-20</b></p> <p><sup>3</sup><i>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.</i> <sup>4</sup><i>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,</i> <sup>5</sup><i>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.</i> <sup>6</sup><i>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;</i> <sup>7</sup><i>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;</i> <sup>8</sup><i>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.</i></p> <p><sup>9</sup><i>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.</i> <sup>10</sup><i>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.</i> <sup>11</sup><i>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.</i> <sup>12</sup><i>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.</i> <sup>13</sup><i>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.</i></p> <p><sup>14</sup><i>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.</i> <sup>15</sup><i>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.</i> <sup>16</sup><i>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.</i> <sup>17</sup><i>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.</i> <sup>18</sup><i>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.</i> <sup>19</sup><i>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."</i> <sup>20</sup><i>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."</i></p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> “O Holy Spirit...which with thy holy breath cleanest men’s minds, comforting them when they be in sorrow, cheering them with pure gladness when they be in heaviness, leading them into all truth when they be out of the way, kindling them with the fire of charity when they be cold, knitting them together with the glue of peace when they be at variance, and garnishing and enriching them with sundry gifts, which by thy means profess the name of the Lord Jesus: by whose working all things live, which live indeed: whose delight is to dwell in the hearts of the simple, which thou has vouchsafed to consecrate for temples, to thyself. I beseech thee, maintain thy gifts in me, and increase the things daily which thou has vouchsafed to bestow upon me, that by thy governance the lusts of the flesh may die more and more in me and the desire of the heavenly life more quicken and increase. Let me so pass through the misty desert of this world by thy light going before me as I may neither be defiled with Satan’s wiles, nor be entangled with any errors disagreeing from thy truth which the true catholic Church hath delivered us by the instinct of thee, which livest and reignest everlastingly with the Father and the Son.” (Erasmus)</p>
<p>Friday, May 21</p>	<p><b>Presenting ourselves as living sacrifices in reaching out to a lost world Offering myself again as a servant of God’s heart to reach a lost world</b></p> <p><b>Reflection &amp; Discussion: Matthew 9:35-38</b></p>

	<p><sup>35</sup> <i>And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.</i> <sup>36</sup> <i>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.</i> <sup>37</sup> <i>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."</i></p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> "O come, Holy Spirit, inflame my heart, set it on fire with love. Burn away my self-centeredness so that I can love unselfishly. Breathe your life-giving breath into my soul so that I can live freely and joyously, unrestricted by self-consciousness, and may be ready to go wherever you may send me. Come like a gentle breeze and give me your still peace so that I may be quiet and know the wonder of your presence, and help diffuse it in the world. Never let me shut you out; never let me try to limit you to my capacity; act freely in me and through me, never leave me, O Lord and giver of life!" (Michael Hollings and Etta Gullick)</p>
<p>Saturday, May 22</p>	<p><b>ARC-wide Worship &amp; Re-presentation of the ARC and self to Jesus</b> <b>Joining with everyone in the ARC to worship God, listen for the Spirit and ask for a fresh baptism of the Spirit's power and creativity</b></p>
<p>Sunday, May 23</p>	<p><b>Pentecost Sunday</b></p> <p><i>Acts 2:</i></p> <p><sup>1</sup><i>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.</i> <sup>2</sup><i>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.</i> <sup>3</sup><i>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.</i> <sup>4</sup><i>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.</i></p> <p><sup>5</sup><i>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.</i> <sup>6</sup><i>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.</i> <sup>7</sup><i>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"</i> <sup>8</sup><i>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?</i> <sup>9</sup><i>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,</i> <sup>10</sup><i>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,</i> <sup>11</sup><i>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."</i> <sup>12</sup><i>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"</i> <sup>13</sup><i>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."</i></p> <p><sup>14</sup><i>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.</i> <sup>15</sup><i>For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.</i> <sup>16</sup><i>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:</i></p> <p><sup>17</sup><i>"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,</i> <i>and your young men shall see visions,</i> <i>and your old men shall dream dreams;</i></p> <p><sup>18</sup><i>even on my male servants and female servants</i> <i>in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.</i></p> <p><sup>19</sup><i>And I will show wonders in the heavens above</i> <i>and signs on the earth below,</i> <i>blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;</i></p> <p><sup>20</sup><i>the sun shall be turned to darkness</i> <i>and the moon to blood,</i> <i>before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.</i></p> <p><sup>21</sup><i>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'</i></p> <p><sup>22</sup><i>Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.</i> <sup>24</sup><i>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.</i> <sup>25</sup><i>For David says concerning him,</i></p> <p><i>"I saw the Lord always before me,</i> <i>for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;</i></p>

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried,  
and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an  
oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the  
resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This  
Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God,  
and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you  
yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.'

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this  
Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles,  
"Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the  
name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy  
Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the  
Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort  
them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were  
baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and  
the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through  
the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling  
their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by  
day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad  
and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their  
number day by day those who were being saved.