

- "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshipers shall the father in spirit and in truth, for the father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Let us pray. Eternal and ever blessed God, Lord of heaven and earth, we praise by glorious majesty. Thy wisdom is seen in all thy works, thy grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ. Thy power and presence are granted to us through thy holy spirit. Therefore we adore thy holy name forever and ever, amen. Now let us offer under God our prayers of confession. Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed, that we have not loved thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength. And that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We pray the oh God, to forgive what we have been to help us to amend what we are, and of thy mercy, to direct what we shall be so that we may henceforth walk in the way of thy commandments and do those things which are pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. And now as our savior, Christ has taught us, let us pray together saying, our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, amen. (organ music) The scripture lesson from the Old Testament is found in the 145th Psalm, and in the 61st chapter of the book of Isaiah. (clears throat) "I will extol thee, my God and king and bless thy name forever and ever, everyday I will bless thee and praise thy name forever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud thy works to another and shall declare thy mighty acts Of the glorious splendor of thy majesty and of thy wondrous I will meditate. Men shall proclaim the might of thy terrible acts, and I will declare thy greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of thy abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All thy works shall give thanks to thee, oh Lord, and all thy saints shall bless thee, they shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom and tell of thy power to make known to the sons of men thy mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of thy kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to thee, and thy giveth them their food in due season. Thou openneth thy hand, thy satisfieth the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call up on him, to all who call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. Amen." "The spirit of the Lord, God is upon me because the has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn. To grant to those who mourn in Zion, to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit, that they might be called Oaks

of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins. They shall raise up the former devastations, they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Aliens shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall be your ploughman and vine dressers, but you shall be called the priests of the Lord. Men shall speak of you as the ministers of our God, you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Instead of your shame, you shall have a double portion. Instead of dishonor, you shall rejoice in your lot. Therefore in your land, you shall possess a double portion. Yours shall be everlasting joy, for I, the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrong. I will faithfully give them their recompense and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring in the midst of the peoples. All who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exalt in my God, for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. for as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." Here the lesson ends. (organ music) The scripture lesson in the new Testament is found in the book of Acts, and in the gospel according to St. John. "And Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly, I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ. The word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea beginning from Galilee, after the baptism, which John preached. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy spirit, and with power, how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did, both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest, not to all the people, but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be the judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was still saying this, the holy spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers for among the circumcised who came with Peter were amazed because the gift of the holy spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone forbid water for baptizing these people who have received the holy spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. If you love me, you will keep my commandments, and I will pray the father and he will give you another counselor to be with you forever. Even the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you desolate, I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. In that day, you will know that I am in my father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. Judas, not Iscariot, said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him. And we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me, does not keep my words. And the word which you hear is not mine, but the father's, who sent me. These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the counselor, the holy spirit, whom the father will send in my

name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives, do I give to you? Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, I go away and I will come to you. If you loved me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the father, for the father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, but I do as the father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the father. Rise, let us go hence." Here ends the lesson from the New Testament. (organ music) Let us offer under God our prayers of thanksgiving, petition, intercession and dedication. Let us pray. Almighty God, our fall father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. We thank thee for thank goodness to us and to all men, for the world in which thou has placed us with all its wonder and beauty, for life and health, for food and clothing, for friends and homes, for the work given us to do and the strength with which to do it, for thy I care that guards us always and thy faithfulness that upholds us. We thank thee for this university, for all those whose daily work makes it possible for this to be a place of learning, for teachers, administrators, secretaries, maintenance men, maids, and janitors. We thank thee for the freedom we have here to seek the truth wherever it may be found. We praise thee that in thy merciful providence, it is now possible for all who would seek after truth to study and to live in this community regardless of race or nationality. To thee who art the God of truth and love, we give thanks for these and all thy gracious gifts through Jesus Christ. On this day of the commemoration of Pentecost, send, we pray thee almighty God, thy holy spirit into our hearts, that he may rule and direct us according to thy will, comfort us in our temptation and suffering, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth. That we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Almighty God, who hears us when we pray for others, hear us as we pray for the president of the United States and for the other members of our government. Grant to them integrity of purpose and unfailing devotion to the cause of righteousness. May all their legislation be such as will promote our welfare, to the relief of the oppressed, the putting down of all social evils, and the making right of all social wrongs. Eternal God, who by thy son established the family of thy church in all the world, breathe upon it anew, the gifts of thy holy spirit, that ever awake to thy command it may go forth in lowly service, yet in conquering might, to win mankind to thy loving will. God of all comfort, we commend to thy mercy all those upon whom any cross, or tribulation, is laid. The nations, like communist China, who are afflicted with famine, or pestilence in war. Those who suffer persecution as do the Christians in East Germany for the sake of the gospel, and all persons oppressed with poverty, sickness, or sorrow. We remember especially the families of those killed in the recent crash of a jet liner in France. We pray for the sick and afflicted members of this community, and for those who desire to be remembered in our prayers, whom we name at this time in our hearts before thee. May it please thee to show them thy fatherly kindness in the midst of their afflictions, that their hearts may turn to thee and receive compassion, healing, and deliverance from their troubles. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Almighty God, in whom we live and move, and have our being, at this time we offer and present unto thee, ourselves, our bodies in spirit, our thoughts in desires, our words in deeds, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice under thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the holy spirit, be and abide with us now and forever more. (organ music) (bell ringing) (organ music)