

Monday, May 24

Acts 19:1-10

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

Psalm 68

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;

as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;

Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

John 16:28-33

I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.' His disciples said, 'Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.' Jesus answered them, 'Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!'

Collect

Almighty God,

you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.

Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised,

he abides with us on earth to the end of time;

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen