

### The Holy Spirit Doesn't Invent Truth; He Teaches the Truth Revealed in Jesus

"Just as Jesus was not a maverick who acted in isolation from the Father," the Rev. Dr. Brook Thelander said in his Trinity Sunday sermon, "so the Holy Spirit is not a maverick who operates in isolation from Jesus and his earthly ministry."

In the Gospel lesson, Jesus told his disciples that he could not address every conceivable need or problem, but "he tells them that the Spirit, when he comes, will guide them into all truth.

"This is a frightening promise, if you think about it," Pastor Thelander said. "This promise of Jesus has been used to sanction all kinds of bizarre ideas and teachings, . . . but in spite of this danger, we should not abandon the conviction that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. What we should do is pay close attention to Jesus' words here about the guidance of the Spirit, and what Jesus says here is that the Holy Spirit will not speak or act independently, but rather will glorify Christ and reveal only that which comes from Christ and from God."

The Holy Spirit's role in guiding the Church today is that he "stands alongside us, constantly 'signing' for us [as an (p.2→)

### If We Don't Give up on God, He Won't Give up on Us, and He Will Bring Restoration Even after All Hope Seems Lost

"I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up . . . You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. . . . Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning." So we will read in Psalm 30 this Sunday.

In the Old Testament lesson we'll hear the story of how God raised to life again the son of the widow of Zarephath, in the Gospel lesson Jesus raises the dead son of the widow of Nain, and in the Epistle lesson we'll hear of God's marvelous grace which brought new life to Paul.

As the sequence hymn with the Gospel lesson, we'll sing, in Edward Plumptre's *Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old*, "was strong to heal and save; it triumphed o'er disease and death, o'er darkness and the grave. . . . Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death; restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath."

The hymn before Communion will be by Ann Griffiths, a Welsh contemporary of Charles Wesley and nearly his equal in poetic expression. Epworth's hymnal restores



"Prophet Elijah and the Widow of Sarepta [Zarephath]", by Bernardo Strozzi. © Web Gallery of Art

her *There's an Open Door Before Me* to use today, including this: "There's an open door before me, means of victory in store, through the gifts he purchased for us who a servant's form once wore. Principalities, dominions, he their overthrow procured, spoiled them all, and jailed the jailer, through the passion he endured. . . . When on high he ascended, all his work fulfilled below, . . . doors flew open, choirs sang welcome to the Incarnate in that land, and the Father, glad and radiant, bade him sit at his right hand."

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**Sundays**

10:00 a.m.: Word & Table service

11:30 a.m.: Refreshments, conversation

11:45 a.m.: Post-service discussion.

6:00 p.m.: (First Sundays only) Evensong, tea, refreshments.

**Thursdays:** 5:30 p.m.: Evening Prayers. 6:00 p.m.: Singing & discussing hymns.

**Readings, 6/10:** 1 Kings 17:17-24; Ps. 30:1-6, 12-13; Gal. 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17. **6/17:** 2 Sam. 11:26—12:10; Ps. 32:1-8; Gal. 2:11-21; Luke 7:36-50.

**Prayer Emphases:** The Ivory Coast; Church of the Nazarene; Melville Presbyterian Church, West Hill, ON, and the Rev. Ralph Fluit; Seminary Without Walls; parishioners on El Rancho Drive.

**For the poor:** Ground beef, chicken, bacon, fresh produce, canned fruits and vegetables, milk, butter, cheese, cooking oil, pancake mix, syrup, chili powder, garlic powder, diapers, baby wipes, toilet paper, hand and bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream.

**(Sermon, cont'd.)** [interpreter for the deaf does] the word and will of Jesus as we encounter the needs of a new day. He guides us into the future with reference to what Jesus has done in the past. . . . We may not fully comprehend how God comes to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but the Scriptures clearly reveal to us that He does so. That truth has been safeguarded by the Church through the centuries, and has been passed down to us. It is one of the core, non-negotiable pillars of the Faith. . . . and it is up to us to preserve it, live it, and articulate it. By God's grace and with God's help, we shall do just that."