

Largs Church of the Nazarene

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Acts 2 (NRSV)

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and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

To God be the glory

Fanny J. Crosby

To God be the glory , great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gates that all may go in

Chorus: Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory
great things He has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To ev'ry believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives (chorus)

Great things He hath taught us, Great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see (chorus)

Spot the difference (Acts 2)

Luke 3

3-6: (John the Baptist) went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a **baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins**, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the **prophet Isaiah**, ". . .⁶ and **all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**"

7: John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "**You brood of vipers!**"

10-11 **And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"** ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise". . . .

15-16: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** . . .

18: So, with many other **exhortations, he proclaimed the good news** to the people.

21: Now when **all the people were baptized**, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and **the Holy Spirit descended upon him** in bodily form like a dove.

Acts 2

14-17 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. . . . this is what was spoken through the **prophet Joel**: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that **I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. . . . (t)hen everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’**

22-23: “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, **you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. . . .**

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Luke 3: John the Baptist	Acts 2: Peter
Following the descent of the Son	Following the descent of the Holy Spirit
“brood of vipers”	“you crucified Him”
Prophet: Isaiah	Prophet: Joel
“all flesh shall see”	“upon all flesh”
baptism, forgiveness, repentance	baptism, forgiveness, repentance
“what then should we do?”	“what should we do?”
all the people are baptised, including Jesus, on whom the Holy Spirit descends like a dove	those who are baptised become the Body of Christ, on whom the Holy Spirit descends

with many other exhortations	exhorted them
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 - The Paraclete

- Follow the apostles’ teaching
- Fellowship together
- Break bread together
- Have glad and generous hearts
- Pray together
- Spend time in the temple (at church)
- Praise God and have goodwill of all the people
- Have all things in common/meet each others’ needs

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost