

“He Suffered All the Penalties of Human Sin”



**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 22:19, 21, 1, 7-8, 11

But You, O Lord, do not be | far from Me;\*  
 O My Strength, hasten to | help Me!  
 Save Me from the | lion’s mouth\*  
 and from the horns of the wild | oxen!  
 My God, My God, why have You for- | saken Me?\*

Why are You so far from | helping Me.  
 All those who see Me ridi- | cule Me;\*  
 they shoot out the lip, they | shake the head.  
 They say “He trusted in the Lord, let Him | rescue Him;\*”  
 let Him deliver Him, since He de- | lights in Him!”  
 Be not far from Me, for trou- | ble is near;\*

for there is | none to help.

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 118:22  
 “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”

**7** READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK  
 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both be guided by His patience in this life and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**9** PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

**10** SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK TLH 142, LSB 438  
**A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** Paul Gerhardt



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| <p>1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,<br/>             The guilt of all men bearing;<br/>             And laden with the sins of earth,<br/>             None else the burden sharing!<br/>             Goes patient on, grow weak and faint,<br/>             To slaughter led without complaint,<br/>             That spotless life to offer;<br/>             Bears shame and stripes, and wounds<br/>             and death,<br/>             Anguish and mockery, and saith,<br/>             "Willing all this I suffer."</p> | <p>4. From morn till eve my theme shall be<br/>             Thy mercy's wondrous measure;<br/>             To sacrifice myself for Thee<br/>             Shall be my aim and pleasure.<br/>             My stream of life shall ever be<br/>             A current flowing ceaselessly,<br/>             Thy constant praise outpouring.<br/>             I'll treasure in my memory,<br/>             O Lord, all Thou hast done for me,<br/>             Thy gracious love adoring.</p> |
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**1** BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:  
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**2** SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED  
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth.  
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our  
 Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
 under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died  
 and was buried. He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the  
 dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at  
 the right hand of God, the Father  
 Almighty. From thence He will come to  
 judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
 Christian church, the communion of  
 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
 resurrection of the body, and the life  
 everlasting. Amen.

**3** PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER  
 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 and ever. Amen.

**4** PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

*Morning.* I thank You, my  
 heavenly Father, through Jesus  
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You  
 have kept me this night from all  
 harm and danger; and I pray that  
 You would keep me this day also  
 from sin and every evil, that all my  
 doings and life may please You.  
 For into Your hands I commend  
 myself, my body and soul, and all  
 things. Let Your holy angel be with  
 me, that the evil foe may have no  
 power over me. Amen.

*Evening.* I thank you, my  
 heavenly Father, through Jesus  
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You  
 have graciously kept me this day;  
 and I pray that You would forgive  
 me all my sins where I have done  
 wrong, and graciously keep me this  
 night. For into Your hands, I  
 commend myself, my body and  
 soul, and all things. Let Your holy  
 angel be with me, that the evil foe  
 may have no power over me. Amen.

**THEME OF THE WEEK: He Suffered All the Penalties of Human Sin**

Jesus rides humbly into Jerusalem. Jesus preaches. Jesus blesses. Jesus washes His disciples' feet. Jesus gives His body and blood. Jesus prays. Jesus is arrested. Jesus is mocked. Jesus is beaten. Jesus is spat upon. Jesus is whipped. Jesus forgives. Jesus is nailed to the cross. Jesus blesses. Jesus is abandoned. Jesus suffers. Jesus cries out. Jesus dies. Jesus rests. Jesus lives, He still lives, and He lives for you. This is Holy Week, the week especially set aside for remembering the suffering and death of Jesus, and for knowing that all this He suffered for you. This, your salvation, is His joy. And He is joyful knowing that you trust in His promises.

SUN

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-9 A Different Kind of Triumphal Entry**

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, not a warhorse. He leads a choir of children, not an army. He comes lowly, meek, and ready to die. The church sings, "Ride on, ride on in majesty; in lowly pomp ride on to die." It is horrible and wonderful that the triumph of Jesus is His suffering and death. His glory is His crucifixion. His defeat is His triumph, because in His death Jesus wins for us the saving mercy of God. In His death Jesus suffers what we deserve so that He might take away the wrath of God and give us eternal life. So we also rejoice and sing, "Hosanna! Lord, save us!" *Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for Your suffering and death, and the glory of Your saving work for us. Amen.*

MON

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 61 For the Overwhelmed Heart**

King David teaches us to pray, "When My heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I." If you've ever had an overwhelmed heart, this Psalm is for you. This prayer is for you. See how God is described, "You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower... [a] tabernacle." The Lord knows we have enemies. The Lord know we are under attack (from the world, the flesh, and the devil, at least). The Lord knows we are weak and in trouble, and He hears our prayers, and comes to help. He truly is our shelter in the trouble, and He prevents all that overwhelms our heart from taking our faith and life. *O my God, I will sing praise to Your name forever. Amen.*

TUE

**SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:5-11 Humbled and Exalted**

Jesus is humble. More: Jesus is humbled. More: Jesus is humiliated. He is beaten and mocked and spit on. His beard is torn, and His clothes. He hangs from the cross in the midst of taunts and jeers. "He trusted God. Let Him save Him. He saved others..." Even His crown was meant to mock Him. The crowds walking by shook their head and looked away. Jesus despised this shame (see Hebrews 12:2), but there was joy set before Him. So "He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8) to win for us, for us!, eternal glory. *O Lord Jesus, we give You thanks for your suffering and humble death for us. Give us joy in the fruit of Your humility: our salvation. Amen.*

WED

**SCRIPTURE: Zechariah 9:9, 10 How to Recognize Your King**

Written in Jerusalem around 518 BC, Zechariah gives the people a 551 year "head's up." They are told how they will recognize their coming king: "Behold your King is coming to you, righteous and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). We might want a king who comes in glory, who comes in power, who comes in triumph, who comes to make our enemies tremble and our troubles retreat. But we have a King who comes to die, and we recognize Him by His humility, His suffering, and His love. We recognize Him by His cross. *O Lord, imprint Your image on our hearts. Grant that we would always recognize You by Your humility and love, Your compassion and gentle kindness towards us sinners. Amen.*

THU

**SCRIPTURE: (Maundy Thursday) Mark 14:17-26 The Best Last Testament**

1,986 years ago today Jesus instituted the mean of the New Testament. Many English translations of the Bible say "new covenant", "this is My blood of the new covenant" (Mark 14:24). This is wrong. A covenant lasts until death. Marriage, for example, is a covenant, "till death us do part." A testament, on the other hand, begins at death. When Jesus gives us His supper He is giving us the benefits of His death. We are the children of this glorious inheritance, and every Sunday the last will and testament is read, and the treasures distributed: "This is My body. This is My blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." *Heavenly Father, we behold the glorious manner of love that You have for us, that we are Your children, and inheritors of the Testament of Jesus. Amen.*

FRI

**SCRIPTURE: (Good Friday) Psalm 22:1-11 Forsaken for You**

Jesus bears our sins and carries our sorrow (see Isaiah 53:4). Like the scapegoat, all our sins were placed on Jesus (see Leviticus 16:21). Jesus, incredibly, was "made sin" (2 Corinthians 5:21). The business of the cross is this: Jesus is there in our place, suffering for our sins, getting the wrath that we deserve. The theological language for this is "penal substitutionary atonement". Penal means that Jesus is suffering the legal ramifications of our own transgressions. Substitutionary means that Jesus is in our place; He is our substitute. Atonement means that the price is being paid to restore the smile of God. And it comes down to this: Jesus, our sin bearer, is forsaken by God so that we might know God's love. *Lord Jesus, we love You. Amen.*

SAT

**SCRIPTURE: (Holy Saturday) Psalm 67 I Know of a Rest in Jesus' Name**

Our chief concern in life is this: does the Lord smile or frown at us? If it were up to us, to our efforts and works, we deserve and expect God's frown. But Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ has suffered and died in our place, and He has won the victory: the smile of God. Wrath is turned away. Mercy is ours, and kindness and joy in the forgiveness of our sins. Heaven is ours, and the kingdom of God, and the new heaven and earth where righteousness will dwell. Jesus has prevailed, and He has won God's favor, and He delivers these to us. We have a rest in Jesus name, the rest of faith, and the confident hope that the Lord is our righteousness. *God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause Your face to shine upon us! Amen.*

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