

“He is Risen to Overcome Death”



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Luke 24:5-7, Psalm 8:1, 5-6, 9**
 He is risen, Alle- | luia!*
 Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!
 Remember how He spoke to you? Alle- | luia!*
 “The Son of Man must be crucified, and the third day rise again.” Alleluia! Alle- | luia!
 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in | all the earth,*
 who have set Your glory above the | heavens!
 For You have made Him a little lower than the | angels,*
 and You have crowned Him with glory and | honor.
 You have made Him to have dominion over the works | of Your hands;*
 you have put all things un- | der His feet.
 O | Lord, our Lord,*
 how excellent is Your name in | all the earth!

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Matthew 28:6a**
 “He is not here, for He is risen, as He said.”

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
 We implore you, Almighty and merciful God, cause us who celebrate Your Pascal Feast, kindled with heavenly desires, ever to thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 **Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands** TLH 195, LSB 458
 Martin Luther



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| <p>1. Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,
 For our offenses given;
 But now at God's right hand He stands
 And brings us life from heaven;
 Therefore let us joyful be
 And sing to God right thankfully
 Loud songs of hallelujah!
 Hallelujah!</p> | <p>3. Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
 Whom God so freely gave us;
 He died on the accursed tree-
 So strong His love!-to save us.
 See, His blood doth mark our door;
 Faith points to it, Death passes o'er,
 And Satan cannot harm us.
 Hallelujah!</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 is Risen to Overcome Death

The Feast of the Resurrection is the single greatest feast in the Christian year, for the Resurrection of Jesus is the single greatest event in the history of man. Thanks be to God that He in Christ Jesus has conquered sin and death for us, that we would live with Him forever. We live now always in the Resurrection of Jesus, no matter what day of the week in time, or where we are in our lives.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:1-8 The Tomb is Empty

The word of Jesus cannot be broken. He told the disciples repeatedly that He must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things from the chief priests and the scribes, be killed and the third day rise again. The disciples could not hear such things. They did not take Jesus at His simple word. Here in the Easter tomb, the angel proclaims to the women that their Lord is risen, that they should go and tell the disciples that He goes before them to Galilee just as He told them. Just as He told them. Perhaps it would behoove us to take Jesus at His word, especially what His resurrection means for us. *Lord, keep us steadfast in Your word. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 2 – The Lord’s Anointed One

The nations rage and people plot in vain against the Lord and His Anointed One, our Lord Jesus. How so? They do not wish to be under their gracious rule. “Let us burst their bonds apart” they say. Not knowing that those bonds are not chains of oppression, but the bonds of marital love. For Christ our Bridegroom has purchased us from sin and death, and takes us graciously to Himself as His spotless bride. Only within His bonds, those bonds of His Law and His Gospel, do we find freedom. To cast away such bonds is to embrace bondage. Blessed are those who take refuge in Him! *Lord Jesus, bind me to You always by Your Word. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 – Let us Celebrate

Our Passover Lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. His sacrifice, unlike every Passover sacrifice before Him, takes away the sins of the world. There has been a sea-change here. There remains then no anticipatory feast – the Passover – but a feast of completion in the true Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Communion. Here is something entirely different, for Christ fills and fulfills the Old Covenant with Himself, expands it and widens to embrace the world in His sacrifice. So now we no longer eat the Passover, but the Holy Communion. Let us celebrate the festival. *Lord Jesus, thank You for this blessed gift of Your resurrection. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:13-15 – He Shall Be Exalted

The Cross is a terrible and lovely thing. No greater treasure can the Christian have than Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Hundreds of years before the incarnation, the prophet Isaiah told the Church that the Lord’s Servant, our Lord Jesus, would be “high and lifted up, and shall be exalted”. The verses following indicate that as He would be lifted up, His appearance would be marred and uncomely. This is our Lord on Calvary. Interestingly, this is the very event that would draw all men to Himself according to St. John, for this is His exaltation (Is. 52:13). Why? Here He purchases us from sin and death. This is His glory. Here, He is Love for us. *Lord Jesus, we exalt You on the cross and the glory of Your resurrection. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:1-8 – Sitting Angel

The angel doesn’t have to roll away the stone for Jesus. The Lord is already risen and can walk through walls anyway in His glorified body. The stone is rolled away so the women would be able to see the empty tomb. Moreover, the angel sits on the stone. He mocks death. Silly, sinful men, they thought they could stop up the Lord with a rock. Foolishness. In the same way, we now can mock death and the grave for we are taken into our Lord’s death and resurrection. Perhaps one day the angels sent to gather all the faithful will sit on your coffin lid, for on that day, your tomb will be empty as well. *Lord Christ, sanctify me by Your Word, that I may live with You forever. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:3-12 – Christian Trials

The life of the Christian is not all sunshine and rainbows. We really and truly suffer from various trials and tribulations. Our flesh, the world, and the devil try us and vex us. We know that this is not the way things are supposed to be. In the resurrection, and our baptism into it (vs. 3), we are born again to a living hope that. Though we suffer here, we suffer with the hope of the resurrection. Our Lord suffered but suffers no more. He will take us home to be with Him. For now we live by faith, and the outcome of that faith? The salvation of our souls. *Lord God, lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, and take us home through Christ. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118 – Hosanna in the Highest!

The builders rejected the Cornerstone on Good Friday, but now He has risen and reigns to all eternity. As the psalmist prayed, and as the throngs gathered around Jerusalem’s gates on Palm Sunday prayed, so we also pray in the divine service “Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O Lord!” The Lord hears our prayer and grants us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. By faith in Jesus’ Word, we are fitted into His mystical body, the Holy Christian Church, where He reigns in mercy forever as the Cornerstone that the builders had rejected. “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” *Lord, save us now! Amen.*

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