

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 Matthew 21:9b

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

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
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of all men bearing;
And laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing!
Goes patient on, grow weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer;
Bears shame and stripes, and wounds
and death,
Anguish and mockery, and saith,
"Willing all this I suffer."

4. From morn till eve my theme shall be
Thy mercy's wondrous measure;
To sacrifice myself for Thee
Shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be
A current flowing ceaselessly,
Thy constant praise outpouring.
I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all Thou hast done for me,
Thy gracious love adoring.



"He Suffered All the Penalties of Human Sin"

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

Holy Week, it has all come down to this: Thirty-three years of doing the will of the Father for you; thirty-three years of overcoming temptations for you; thirty-three years of proclaiming the Gospel for you; thirty-three years of fulfilling the Law for you. He did it all, accomplished it all; well almost all. The sin of the world is laid upon His perfect shoulders. He carried them to Jerusalem; with His face always turned toward the cross. He will not forsake it, not now, for this is His purpose: To suffer as a perfect sacrifice all the penalties of your sin and mine. He will be betrayed. Beatings and torture await. His disciples will flee. The Lamb will remain silent. The Father will forsake Him. He will die and be placed in a tomb. And it is all for you!

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-9—Lord Save Us Now

He comes riding into Jerusalem like a king; a new and greater Solomon. But His reign will not be a peaceful one; for you it will be, but not for Him. His throne will be a cross, His royal crest bloody wounds and bruises. No ring upon His finger, only a nail through His hand. No shiny crown of gold, just a blood smeared diadem of matted hair tangled with razor sharp thorns. The king comes to bring peace to His people and that means a gruesome death for Him. He knows this, and has always known this. Nothing could ever turn Him from this macabre coronation. The people cry out, "Lord save us now!" And so do we. Salvation belongs to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The Lamb is about to accomplish it as only He can. And it is all for you!—*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

MON

SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-23—The Hour Has Come For The Son Of Man To Be Glorified

Glory is a weird thing when seen through the eyes of the cross. It doesn't have the luster and sheen that one would think. It is much more grisly and hideous and grim. But salvation is like this. It doesn't pretend that sin, the grave, and the devil aren't real. Instead, it sees these enemies for what they are and it does battle with them: battle to the death. The glory of God is the cross. The glorification of the Son of Man is His death upon it. Even today it is the same. The Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified. We preach that foolish stumbling block of the cross, for that is where the glory of God is found. The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. And He is glorified on the cross for you! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: John 12:23-50—Now Is The Judgement Of This World

"Now is the time for judgment." All of the sin of the world, all of the death, all of the assaults of the devil, all of the guilt and shame, it is now time for all of that to be judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. Is not the world still spinning 2000 years later? But the judgment is the cross. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and bloodied and bruised. And it is there, on that cross, in that perfect sacrifice, that the judgment of God will be enacted. "Guilty," will be the verdict pronounced upon Jesus. All the wrath and punishment for all the sins of the entire world will be meted upon this innocent Lamb who is innocent no longer; He has become sin for us. "Now is the time for judgment." Christ Jesus is to be judged the sinner that you are. And it is all for you! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

WED

SCRIPTURE: John 13:16-38—The Rooster Will Not Crow Till You Have Denied Me Three Times

"Lord, I will lay down my life for you." The arrogant words of an arrogant man. These are words that we all wish we would have the courage to say. But Peter had it wrong, and so do we. The Lord needs nothing from us, requires nothing from us. The sacrifice is not ours to give, but ours to receive. It is an odd thing to read: Peter so sure that he would give the ultimate sacrifice for Jesus. But Jesus knows this is not the case. And that is okay. Because while Peter runs and hides (and we do the same), Jesus takes these words and makes them His own. "I will lay down my life for you!" He declares. And by the time the rooster crows He is already well on His way. Jesus laid down His life for you; not the other way around! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26:17-30—Take Eat; This Is My Body. Drink Of It, All Of You, For This Is My Blood

The Passover is complete, never to be celebrated again; for it is now fulfilled. It is now given until the end of time for you and me to receive. We sacrifice no lamb, for the Lamb has already been sacrificed. And His body is now given for you to eat for the forgiveness of your sins. Blood of a lamb is not painted on a doorpost. Instead it is poured down your throat. But the gift is the same; no, even greater. For the angel of death will pass over you and the blood of the Lamb of God is that promise given to you each time you drink of it. This holy meal, this better Passover, this foretaste of the feast to come, is the cross given to you in time and space so that you might receive the Lamb of God. Take eat. Take drink. Jesus is given to you! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: John 19:17-30—A Seamless Tunic

Jesus' tunic is not torn, it cannot be. It is an interesting thing that happens here and maybe something that is overlooked. This action fulfills Psalm 22 in every sense of the word. On the cross it is finished. Jesus hangs with the shame of sin clinging to His nakedness. Each sinner's sin, every last one, clothing His naked flesh; while His tunic is given to every sinner to clothe them. The righteousness of Christ is given on that cross so that you and I might put it on and claim it as our own. The dress of the righteous God is exchanged for the dress of a sinner and the dress of a sinner is exchanged for the dress of a righteous God. There is nothing more that needs to be done. It is finished; all of it. Your sins clothe Christ. And His righteousness clothes you! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:57-66—Jesus Dead In The Tomb

Jesus rests in the tomb. His work is finished. Today He sanctifies the grave, tomorrow He will claim victory over it. And such is the promise for you. Where is death's victory? Where is death's sting? It is gone! It is buried deep in the ground with Jesus never to rise again. But Jesus did. So will you. This is your assurance: that God will keep your bodies in peaceful sleep until He comes again in glory. The stone will be rolled away. It has been already. The grave will release you from its grip just like it did Jesus. It must. You are one with the Lord of life! His victory is yours. The grave is open. Death is dead. Sins are forgiven. All is accomplished. It is finished! Your Easter awaits. Fear not! For this eternal Easter is yours in Christ! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*