

“The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost”



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Liturgical Text; Psalm 8:1-5

Blessed the Holy / Trinity*
 and the Undivided / Unity:
 Let us give glo- / ry to Him*
 For He has shown mercy / unto us.
 O / Lord, our Lord,*
 How excellent is Your name in / all the earth,
 You have set Your glory above the / heavens!*
 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, You have or- / dained
 strength.
 What is man that You are mind- / ful of him,*
 and the son of man that You / visit him?
 For You have made him a little lower than the / angels,*
 and You have crowned him with glory and / honor.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 8:1a

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, who has given to us, Your servants, grace, by the confession of a truth faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity, we implore You that You would keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; who lives and reigns, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
 “We All Believe in One True God”

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 Martin Luther



1. We all believe in one true God,
 Who created earth and heaven,
 The Father, who to us in love
 Hath the right of children given.
 He both soul and body feedeth,
 All we need He doth provide us;
 He through snares and perils leadeth,
 Watching that no harm betide us.
 He careth for us day and night,
 All things are governed by His might.

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
 His own Son, our Lord, possessing
 An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
 Source of every grace and blessing.
 Born of Mary, virgin mother,

By the power of the Spirit,
 Made true man, our elder Brother,
 That the lost might life inherit:
 Was crucified for sinful men
 And raised by God to life again.

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
 Who sweet grace and comfort giveth
 And with the Father and the Son
 In eternal glory liveth;
 Who the Church, His own creation,
 Keeps in unity of spirit.
 Here forgiveness and salvation
 Daily come through Jesus' merit.
 All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
 In bliss with God eternally. Amen.

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.

Around the Word Devotions + the week of June 7-13, 2020

THEME OF THE WEEK: The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost
God the Father loves you. He sent His Son to save you. God the Son loves you. He suffered and died for you. He bore the wrath of God in your place. God the Holy Spirit loves you. He brings the saving Word to you day after day. He brought you to baptism and continues to enlighten you with His gifts. God the Holy Trinity is love, and this is our great comfort. In the darkness of this fallen world, the love of God is our hope and peace.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-16: The Strange Gift of One More Snake

Even after the Lord rescued Israel from Pharaoh's slavery, they complained in the wilderness. So the Lord sent serpents into the camp, and the Israelites learned repentance, and came to Moses for help. The Lord gave Moses the strangest instructions: make a bronze serpent and lift it up on a pole. Everyone who sees it will be healed. You can imagine what the people were thinking: "We don't need another snake around here!" But all the people who believed the Word of God and looked to the serpent lifted up were healed. This serpent was preaching Christ. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." *O Holy Spirit, fix our eyes on Jesus. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8: The Excellent Name of the Lord

God's name is who He is and what He does. Consider the burning bush. The Lord tells Moses His name: I am who I am. The Lord is eternal, and this is good news for His enslaved people. His name is not only who He is but also what He does. He will cause His people to be a people once more. He will make them a nation and establish them. Or consider the name Jesus. It means, "The Lord saves." (See Matthew 1:21.) Jesus is the Lord, but His name is more than who He is, it is also what He does. Jesus saves us from our sins. *O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Romans 11:33-36: Of, Through, and To

"For OF Him and THROUGH Him and TO Him are all things." Of, through, and to: there is theology in those prepositions. The holy and blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the source of all things. Creation, the universe, everything seen and unseen, was spoken into existence by God. All things are of God, and all things are through God. The cosmos continues to be held together by His might, and ruled according to His unsearchable wisdom. All things are to God, when the great rebellion is over, and Jesus delivers the kingdom to His Father (1 Corinthians 15:24), and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are glorified forever. *Holy and Blessed Trinity, I give You thanks that You have created and redeemed me, and will keep me to eternal life. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 18:30-32: Turn and Live

Our sinful flesh is hell-bent on death. Our desires are corrupt, our mind is depraved, our will is bound for destruction. Humanity marches toward death. This is why repentance is "turning." The Holy Spirit turns us. He turns us away from idols, away from our love of sin, away from our love of self. He turns us toward what is good and true. He turns our hearts and minds toward Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. We Christians are the "turned", turned from death to life, turned from destruction to salvation, turned from slavery to freedom, turned from darkness to the light of Christ, turned by the forgiveness of all of our sins.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for the gift of our new heart and spirit which You have given us in repentance. Amen.

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:18-20: What are you going to do with all that authority?

"All authority," Jesus says to the disciples, "has been given to Me." That is a lot of authority! "...in heaven and on earth." You can imagine the disciples were excited. What are we going to do with all that authority? Set up a new kingdom? Overthrow the Romans? Bring an end to sickness and poverty? What would we do with all this authority? We should be surprised and delighted with what Jesus does with all authority: He gives the gift of His Word and baptism to the world. "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." *O Lord, we thank You that You use Your authority to give us the gifts of the Gospel. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 13:14, The Apostolic Benediction

"Benediction" comes from the Latin bene + decare, to say a good thing. Our verse today is called the "Apostolic Benediction" from the Apostle Paul who ends this letter to the Corinthians with this Trinitarian blessing. Above all else, St. Paul presses into the ears and hearts of the Christians that God is gracious, God is loving, and God is with them. Jesus Christ so loved the world that He died and rose again to bring salvation, and we have this salvation not by works but by faith. God the Father so loved the world that He sent His Son to rescue us. And God the Holy Spirit so loves the world that He will not forsake His church, but continues to abide with us and in us. *O Holy Trinity, abide with us in Your love and grace. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 115: Alive like God or Dead like Idols

"The human mind is a perpetual forge of idols" (John Calvin). We are always chasing after false gods, Baals, power, Molech, our own goodness, Mammon, money, or whatever. We fear, love, and trust the wrong things, dead things. And as we worship the idols we become like them. This profound truth is expressed beautifully in this Psalm: we become like what we worship. The idols "have mouths, but do not speak; eyes they have, but do not see... those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them" (Psalm 115:5, 8). But we worship the living God, and we are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another (2 Corinthians 3:18). *O Lord, give us eternal life in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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