



“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 Zechariah 9:9

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”

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

TLH 142, LSB 438
 Paul Gerhardt



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.

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 March 28-April 3, 2021

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

This Holy Week, our meditations revolve around two themes. Firstly, we focus on the afflictions which we experience as Christian sinners, as well as the suffering which our Lord endured to obtain our hope in the midst of those afflictions. Secondly, we meditate on the unmerited graciousness of our heavenly Father in Jesus Christ.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 21:1-9 Why Palms?**

It is not that they had nothing else. Jerusalem was replete with riches that she could have welcomed Jesus with banners of silk or brightly colored fabric. The people deliberately cut palms as a symbol of Jewish pride. Palm branches were used at least since the Maccabean period in processions of victory (see 1 Maccabees 14:51) and were used on Judean coinage. As a Jewish deliverer who would rout the Romans and elevate the Jews, Jesus is ultimately a disappointment to Jerusalem. Jesus is Savior from sin and death. He has come that they, and we, would have life by His cross. We take up palms today as those with feelings just as confused as Jerusalem's, but by faith in Christ we wave palms of victory forevermore (Revelation 7:9). *Hosanna in the highest. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 61 The Immovable Rock**

David may have written this psalm when he had to flee during Absalom's rebellion. It is a prayer of faith and praise when all seems upset. When all of life's securities fail and you are left with uncertainty, only in the tabernacle of God's mercy can you find true security and solace. The Rock which is higher than you, the One that does not move when all is crumbling around you, the One in which you take refuge is the Lord Jesus. His word is true. He does not lie. Faith indeed wants to abide in His tabernacle forever. There you will not be moved. *Lord Jesus, be my Rock and my Fortress, a strong tower against the enemy. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **Philippians 2:5-15 For Us and In Us**

Where we seek glory, Jesus made Himself of no reputation. Where we want to be masters, Jesus came to serve. Where we buck at authority, Jesus became obedient, even to a shameful death on the cross. But dear soul, this is not merely an example that our Lord gives you, though it is that. He has come to obey the law in your stead, to fulfill all that is necessary for you to be with Him forever. He makes you righteous by faith. He also invites you to share in His divine life with him, to do as he does according to the goodness of the law. Justified by faith in His blood, you do as He does, and that, dear soul is a blessing. *Lord Jesus, You did not spurn to humble Yourself for my sake. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit, I too may act in humility toward God and to others. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Zechariah 9:9, 10 Just and Having Salvation**

"Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation" (KJV). There are no greater attributes in a god you could find for sinners in need, for us wayward daughters of Zion. He is not a persnickety god who condemns you on a lark, or a god who demands his pound of flesh to save you. He is the Lord, He is just, His dealings with us are right. His judgement is true (John 8:16). And this just King has salvation. He procures a salvation for all, regardless of who or what they have trusted, who or what was their king - He has come to save them. He comes to you, wayward one. Palms and branches, nails and scourge, folded linens and a borrowed tomb, words and bread and wine. He comes. Rejoice greatly. *Lord Jesus, You are my King! Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **Mark 14:3-9 Gospel Waste**

There is something in us that would be pragmatic. But not the Lord. Jesus is the vineyard owner Who pays for work unperformed, the unfathomable Shepherd who dies for the sheep, the One who kills the fatted calf for His wayward prodigal. In his treatment of us, the Lord is not stingy, He spares no expense, even His own precious blood to save us. It is no wonder then that He so lavishly praises this woman for her seemingly wasteful gesture. This is exactly how He acts! Her good work, her beautiful thing that she did, is the gospel in action - wasteful, lavish, nothing held back in love for another. So it is for us sinners - the Lord's precious blood is lavished on us by water and word. *Lord Jesus, pour out Your lovingkindness on me, a poor miserable sinner. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Hebrews 12:1-11 Chastening of Love**

The life of the faithful this side of glory is a battle from beginning to end. Our flesh, the world, and the devil beset us every day of our life. But these things do their part for us in showing us that we, in ourselves, are neither holy nor sufficient. Our bodies break, much like our resolutions and intentions. The devil hurls his fiery darts at us. The world despises us. The Lord indeed tempts no one, but "the Lord loveth, He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." The Lord is treating you as sons. The Father brings you down the path of His own Beloved Son, that through faith in His shed blood, your way would lead as His did, to the resurrection and the life of the world to come. *Father, chasten me as Your own, lovingly, and for my good. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 67 Mercy and Blessing**

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us." Mercy. Blessing. The loving countenance of God. God wants to give sinners these things. So, Dr. Luther writes "Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered to the end that we shall daily obtain there nothing but the forgiveness of sin through the Word and signs, to comfort and encourage our consciences as long as we live here." (LC II:55). Where the Word and Sacrament are, there is the Church, and the mercy and blessing of God which bestow upon you a good conscience. The Lord's face shines upon you as you receive what He has bled to give you. So tomorrow, go - receive mercy and blessing, and have peace in the Lord. *Lord have mercy upon us. Amen.*

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