

“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 143:11

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

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

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, Governor of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Your people and grant us Your peace in our time; through 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  
**All Depends on Our Possessing**

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| <p>1. All depends on our possessing<br/>                 God's abundant grace and blessing,<br/>                 Though all earthly wealth depart.<br/>                 He who trusts with faith unshaken<br/>                 In His God is not forsaken<br/>                 And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.</p> <p>2. He who hitherto hath fed me<br/>                 And to many joys hath led me,<br/>                 Is and ever shall be mine.<br/>                 He who did so gently school me,<br/>                 He who still doth guide and rule me,<br/>                 Will remain my Help divine.</p> | <p>4. When with sorrow I am stricken,<br/>                 Hope my heart anew will quicken,<br/>                 All my longing shall be stilled.<br/>                 To His loving-kindness tender<br/>                 Soul and body I surrender;<br/>                 For in Him alone I build.</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: "The One True God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost"**  
God gives Himself to us with all His gifts. The Father gives Himself to us with all of creation. The Son gives Himself to us with His sacrifice and blood. The Holy Spirit gives Himself to us with the Word and the Gospel and the Church. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the blessed and holy Trinity, is the one, true God, and is our salvation. We rejoice this week in the deliverance and salvation won for us by the Holy Trinity, and taught to us in the Word.

SUN

**SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-16: Jesus is the Love of God**

God loves you. You don't deserve it. You and me, in fact, deserve the opposite. According to the Scriptures we are born children of wrath, deserving of God's anger. But look, God so loves the world (which includes you and me) that He gave His only begotten Son. His Son to death for your life. His Son to suffering for your forgiveness. His Son to the grave in the hope of our resurrection! God be praised! On this night in Jerusalem Jesus is unfolding the great mysteries of God's mercy to Nicodemus, and to us. God is not on a mission to destroy us, but to save us. *Heavenly Father, thank You for Your love for the world, for sending forth Your Son, for saving us. Amen.*

MON

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 67: Mercy: The Shining Face of God**

There is a line somewhere in Luther's writings where he says, "Most people don't care if God frowns or smiles at them." What a simple and profoundly true mark of our fleshly unbelief. We are naturally spiritually indifferent. This is bad, because we truly deserve God's frown, His disappointment and displeasure. But God is merciful to us. He sent forth His Son to turn away His wrath, and He smiles on us. "God be merciful to us and bless us and cause His face to shine on us" (Psalm 67:1). God's mercy is God's smile. *Let all the people's praise You, O God! Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! Cause Your face to shine on us, and teach us to know Your salvation. Amen.*

TUE

**SCRIPTURE: Romans 11:33-36, The Mysterious Mind of God**

"How unsearchable are His judgements and His ways past finding out!" God's mind is far above our minds, even the best minds. Most of the scientific atheists I know have this problem, they are always disappointed with the way God does things. They, if they had all power, would manage the world quite differently! God's ways are mysterious, and this is mostly because God's ways are meek and merciful. The mind of the Lord is your salvation. (Imagine that!) The cross of Christ and the resurrection of your body is what is on His mind! And this has been revealed to us. We could never attain to this knowledge, but it is brought down to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. *O Lord, how wonderful are Your thoughts towards us! Amen.*

WED

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

"Turn and live." This is the prophetic preaching of repentance. Our flesh stumbles down the path of destruction, away from God, away from His Word, away from His life. We chase after idols, false gods, and all sorts of useless things while we neglect the things that matter. The LORD stands Ezekiel in the middle of this path to destruction to preach, "Repent." Turn from death to life, look to God for all good, know that the LORD, He is Your God, and in Him is salvation and life. *Lord, grant us repentance. Turn us from death to life, from sin to forgiveness. Put us on the path of life, the way of faith and trust in Your kindness. Amen.*

THU

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:18-20: This is How You Want to Use All Authority?**

Jesus announces, stunningly, to His disciples, "All authority has been given to Me on heaven and on earth." That is a big deal. All authority. Jesus is in charge of the world, of the entire cosmos. The disciples, no doubt, were excited to hear what Jesus was planning to do with this authority. Overthrow the Romans, perhaps? Or bring an end to war and sickness and trouble and death? No, Jesus says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, teaching and baptizing." Jesus, with all authority on heaven and earth, baptizes and teaches! His "all authority" shows up in these humble ways to save us. God be praised! *O Lord Jesus, thank You for baptizing me and teaching me Your Word. Amen.*

FRI

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 13:14: The Benediction**

"Benediction" comes from the Latin "good speaking." The benediction is a blessing in which the Lord gives us His name and Himself to bless us. There are many benedictions in the Scriptures. Perhaps the most famous is from Numbers 6, the Aaronic Benediction, "Lord bless you and keep you; Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Our text from 2 Corinthians is called the "Apostolic Benediction," where Paul blesses the church with the grace, love, and communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is truly a good word for us. *O Lord, bless us with Your grace, love, and fellowship, and grant us to rejoice in Your benediction. Amen.*

SAT

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 143, God Overcomes the Adversaries of Our Soul**

"For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!" It's the Lord's righteousness, not ours, that brings us out of trouble. His name, not ours, that preserves our life. Salvation is His gift! Our soul has enemies (Psalm 143:12). Sin, death, and the devil fight against the Lord's Word and promises, but the Lord prevails. His Word endures forever, and we endure with it. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to You for refuge. Teach me to do Your will, You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground! *For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! Amen.*

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