

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 Mark 16:6

And [the angel] said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him."

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



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!

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!



"He is Risen to Overcome Death"

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 April 1-7, 2018

THEME OF THE WEEK: He is Risen to Overcome Death

Christ is risen! Alleluia! This is the week to celebrate the salvation that Jesus has won for you through the greatest miracle ever. Jesus has risen from the dead and the life He now lives He lives to God; but it belongs to you as well. His resurrection shows that sin, death, and the devil have been defeated and the victory belongs to all of God's people. You need not fear sin, death, and the devil for Jesus has won the victory over them. This week of celebration will serve as a reminder that your life is founded upon the resurrection of Jesus and His life is the basis for all you do in serving your neighbor in love.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:1-8 Christ is risen!

You may strive to put off death by diet, exercise, doctor visits, or not thinking about it. However, death will come. Death has been called the great equalizer of all people. As God's people we have the comfort of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. When we see Jesus standing outside the grave and the angels proclaim that Jesus is risen, we know that this is what awaits us. You can put off death for a little while but in the end, death is but a portal to everlasting life. Jesus lives and so we, the people of God, will live forever. *Dear God, thank You for the resurrection of Jesus that gives me life eternal. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 57 In the Midst of Lions

Verse 4 says that the "soul is in the midst of lions." We truly are in the midst of many perils in this life. They can endanger us, cause us to worry, to fear, to not trust in the Lord. In the midst of the lions that we live among our heart is steadfast (v. 7). Jesus has conquered all that assails us by his resurrection. The lions have no power over us. We belong to the one who is more powerful than all the assaults of this evil world. Because of Jesus' victory we will sing and make melody. God is faithful to us even in the midst of all the lions. *Dear Spirit, comfort me in the midst of all afflictions of body, mind, and soul. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 Celebrate the Festival

The festival of the Resurrection of Christ continues. Easter is not just a day; it is a season. Every day we live here on earth is a celebration of the eternal life that we already possess through faith in Jesus Christ. We celebrate this festival with sincerity; that is, with purity. We have been made clean in the blood of this risen Lamb and we can rightly celebrate the holy festival of the Resurrection. We celebrate in truth because we know the facts of the Resurrection to be true. God's Word does not lie. Let us celebrate that He who has died lives again. *Heavenly Father, cause my soul to celebrate with sincerity and truth the miracle of Your Son's Resurrection. Amen.*

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WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:13-15 Astonishment

The prophet tells us that people will be astonished at what the suffering servant, Jesus, will look like on Good Friday. In the same way, we are astonished on Easter Sunday that Jesus has come back from the dead, just as He said He would. The astonishing thing is that Jesus does something that is beyond belief and then, by the work of the Holy Spirit, we believe it. People don't come back from the dead, but Jesus lives, and we are astonished that all the prophecies are true. *Almighty Father, You have done amazing things through the work of Your Son; send Your Spirit to me to strengthen my faith. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:1-8 Like Dead Men

When the angel appeared at the open tomb the guards trembled and became like dead men. See the irony. The only ones who are acting as if they are dead are men who are alive. He who should be dead is living. The living Christ lives so that He can make us to be living people. Just as He called out to Lazarus and raised him from the dead, He calls out to you and brings you life. He pulls you out of your grave and gives you the greatest gift so that you may no longer be like a dead man. Now you are like the Living Man: Jesus Christ. *Dear Jesus, thank You for the life You have given to me. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:3-12 Serving Future Generations

The prophets served not themselves but you. They spoke to you about the coming victory of Jesus over death. God continues to use people to speak His word to future generations. Pastors are trained and they serve the future generations. Laity confess and teach their faith to those who are young. God's Word from 2,000 years ago continues to serve us with the living Christ. It will continue to be powerful and effective for generations to come until Jesus returns. Give thanks for those who have spoken God's Word to you and be ready to share it in turn. *Life-giving Spirit, continue to work through the Word to bring life to people. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 113 Praise the Lord for the Resurrection!

The Lord has done marvelous things and He still does! He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap (v. 7). He has raised Jesus from the dead. So we bring our praises before the Lord. The Lord takes that which is nothing and makes it something. In the Resurrection of Jesus, the Lord makes you into something. He brings you from death to life; from sin to forgiveness; from shame to honor. Praise the Lord for all that He has done for you. *O Lord, I will praise You all of my days. Amen.*

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