

“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 Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

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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 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.

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

“There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.” (1 Samuel 2:2) Holiness belongs to God and God alone; it has to do with His very being. For this reason, the name given to this week of the Church year, Holy Week, is perfectly appropriate. In this week we hear how God revealed His very being in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ, crucified to make atonement for the sins of the whole world, and in this week we rejoice that “He has now reconciled [us] in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present [us] holy and blameless and above reproach before Him.” (Colossians 1:22)

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-9 The Humble King Comes

The people knew that Jesus was making a royal entrance. He rode on a donkey, similar to the way Solomon rode on a mule to be anointed king. He was greeted with palm branches, like King Jehu and later Maccabeus. He was hailed as the Son of David. But Jesus came as a humble King, which is why the Church rejoices and shouts “Hosanna!” today. Jesus’ humiliation was for our salvation. By His suffering and death we have the certain hope of the glories of heaven. *Blessed are You, O Son of David, for You came in humility to save us. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-23 Friends and Enemies of Jesus

Jesus never gave anyone good reason to hate Him. He was never hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome. Yet unbelievers, like Judas, the chief priests, and the Pharisees, were enemies of God because of sin, and so they hated Him even for His good works, like raising Lazarus from the dead. But “while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son.” (Romans 5:10a) By grace alone Jesus counts us as His friends, and like Mary we show our faith and love for Him in generosity and service. *Thank You, Lord, for loving us and dying for us, even while we were still sinners. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: John 12:24-43 The Glory of God’s Name

What glory do you love? Is it the glory that comes from man, with its material comfort, prosperity, and renown? Jesus sought the glory of God’s Name, though it meant that He would be despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. But for the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross, despising the shame. This is the glory of God’s Name, that His Son should be crucified for the sins of the world and that salvation should be preached in His Name to all nations. *Help us, good Lord, to seek the glory of Your Name, the glory of the cross. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:1-23; 41-42 The Cup of Suffering and the Cup of Salvation

At the wedding in Cana, Jesus told His mother that His hour had not yet come. Now, after three years of preaching, teaching, and working miracles, the hour had finally come for Jesus to be glorified. In that hour He would be crucified, drinking the cup of the Father’s wrath against sin down to the dregs. This was according to God the Father’s good and gracious will, so that you would not taste that cup but rather the cup of salvation, won for you by the all-atoning sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Grant us faith, O Lord, to lift up the cup of salvation and call on Your Name. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 13:1-15 The Lord Who Serves

St. Luke tells us that after the institution of the Lord’s Supper the disciples disputed with one another as to which of them was the greatest. But Jesus rebuked them and reminded them that the greatest and the leader would be as the youngest who serves. To demonstrate this, He took a towel and a basin filled with water and began to wash the disciples’ feet. This is how our Lord loved you and all His own in the world to the end: He served them, ultimately by giving His life as a ransom for you and for all. *Lord Jesus, give us Your Holy Spirit that we may follow Your example of love and service. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: John 18:1-19 He Laid Down His Life Willingly

As we read on Wednesday, our Lord Jesus Christ has a human will along with His divine will. Because He is without sin, these wills were never opposed to each other but always in perfect union. God’s good and gracious will was that Jesus lay down His life for you and for the whole world, that you should not perish but have eternal life. That’s why He did not save Himself from arrest, suffering, and death, though He had the power to do so. His will was your salvation, and He has accomplished it. It truly is a Good Friday. *We praise You, Lord Jesus, that You were willing to suffer and die for us. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:57-66 It Is Finished

In the beginning, after God had finished His work of creation, He rested on the seventh day. A few thousand years later, after the Son of God had declared that His work of redemption was finished, He was taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb, that His body might also rest on the seventh day. But the third day would soon dawn, when the Son of God would rise from His rest, never to die again, that all who believe in Him might have the certain hope of eternal life and rest with Him in heaven. *O God, grant that we might find our rest in Your Son alone, who lives and reigns to all eternity. Amen.*

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