

“He is Risen to Overcome Death”



**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 **Exodus 15:21**  
 “Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider  
 He has thrown into the sea.”

**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!

**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 9-15, 2023

## THEME OF THE WEEK: He is Risen to Overcome Death

“The old has gone and the new has come.” So Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:17. What we once were, what we were once captive to, what we once thought, said, and did...these are all dead and gone. We are crucified with Jesus, buried with Him and dead. We have all this in baptism, for all who are baptized into Jesus and believe in Him are dead to sin. Though we die to sin, we are alive to God in righteousness, for our Lord Jesus did not stay dead. He has been raised to new, never-ending life - and we baptized along with Him. Now we are alive and we live in His righteousness.

SUN

## SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:1-8 “Trembling and Astonishment”

This is a beautifully simple message: Jesus is alive, not dead. They had seen Him crucified, dead, and buried – but now the tomb is empty! Death couldn't hold Him and the grave's grip is broken. That message is for you too. Since death cannot hold Jesus it cannot hold you. You belong to him. The rolled-back stone shows you exactly what *your* grave will look like on the Last Day: open and empty. This is a beautifully simple message that is simply beautiful! *Lord Jesus, gladden our hearts with the good news of Your victory over death! Amen.*

MON

## SCRIPTURE: Psalm 2 “Truly Free!”

The second psalm tells of the world's rage and unbelieving plotting against the Savior. Unbelief wants to throw off God and His Son, seeing God's Word as nothing but bondage and cords. Even as those who have been brought from the darkness to the light, that same temptation lingers in our hearts: ignoring His Word, rejecting His Supper, and being done with Him altogether, as though His gifts were burdens. Repent and believe the good news that in Jesus, the Son of God, you are truly free, even called beloved sons and daughters! *Lord, we are Yours! Save us! Amen.*

TUE

## SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 “A New Lump”

Paul speaks of God's command to the Israelites that they remove all yeast from their homes in order to properly celebrate the Passover. But what if some was missed? What if some was forgotten in a crack or crevice? That yeast is a picture of sin. It works its way through everything and everyone. There's no safe hiding place and it cannot be contained in just one part. The good news is that Jesus has cleansed us of all sin by His blood! He has made us fit for the eternal festival in His household! *Lord Jesus, we give You all thanks and praise! Amen.*

WED

## SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:13-15 “For the Joy Set Before Him”

Beyond recognition - that's the extent to which the Savior had to be beaten for sins. Beyond recognition. Let that sink in. Your filthy thoughts, your self-serving actions, your sharp words. They are not harmless, and they are not free. They cost Jesus everything, yet He freely laid down His life in death as payment. Willingly. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross for you. He endured the beating, the shame, death, and the grave for you! *Lord Jesus, we give You thanks for Your suffering and death. Give us the joy of Your salvation. Amen.*

THU

## SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:1-8 “On the First Day of the Week”

On the first day of the week there was light. The Father spoke and flooded light into the darkness. On the first day of the week light again came into the world to redeem it from the death of sin. Jesus stepped out of the tomb on that Sunday morning and light flooded the darkness. He abolished death (for you) and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (to you)! Darkness and death no longer possess you because Jesus has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. *Thank You, Jesus, for bringing us into Your marvelous, unending light! Amen.*

FRI

## SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:3-12 “Subsequent Glories”

Our flesh would have us despise the crosses Jesus gives us for our good and throw them off. Peter tells us that our faith is being tested and tried, to refine it. Like Jesus, our Lord, we suffer first and then enjoy the subsequent glories. Now is suffering, mockery, and shame for His name's sake. Yet we know that His promise of glory is as sure as done, for He does not lie. Yes, we are grieved by various trials, but we are obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls. *Blessed are You, O Lord, for Your mercy toward us! Amen.*

SAT

## SCRIPTURE: Psalm 113 “Who Is Like the Lord Our God?”

Who is like the Lord our God? Who raises up the poor from the dust of death? Who lifts up the needy from the sorrows of their sinfulness? Who makes the poor and needy to sit with princes, treating them like royalty?! Who cares about the barren woman to give her a home and bestow upon her the gift of life created in her womb? None. The false gods are vain and empty. The true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the One who serves His people, the Giver of all things, even your salvation. *Almighty and gracious God: we praise Your name! Amen.*

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