

“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 Luke 18:31

“See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.”

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,
 Anquish 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

Holy Week is the heart of the paschal mystery, the high point of the church year, and the oldest feast in the church's year of grace. Every day in Holy Week has a complete set of propers (Introit, Gradual, lessons, etc.), allowing for daily Communion as the baptized keep the New Testament Passover in sincerity and truth. Following the theme verse below, see how what was written "deep in prophets' sacred page, and grand in poets' winged word" (LSB 810.2) is fulfilled in Christ, "who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again" (Proper Preface for Holy Week).

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-9 The Son of Man Must Go to Jerusalem

Zechariah promised old Israel that her eternal King would enter old Jerusalem "humble and mounted on a donkey" (9:9). The hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (LSB 340.2) provides a 'sung sermon' on this Gospel Lesson and beckons you to enter the new Jerusalem. "A righteous Helper comes to Thee," for you cannot presume upon God's grace and help yourself to the King's banquet. "His chariot is humility" is in vivid contrast to the mighty chariots of Ephraim and the war horses of Jerusalem (Zech 9:10). "His kingly crown is holiness," which He shares with you through Holy Baptism, with the Divine compassion of "His scepter, pity in [your] distress." *Lord, O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine (LSB 340.5). Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-23 The Son of Man Must be Delivered to the Gentiles

Throughout John's Gospel we read that Jesus' hour "had not yet come." The final verse of today's reading, however, is a decisive turning point in the gospel: "The hour *has come* for the Son of Man to be glorified" (v. 23) in and through His cross. Thus, His anointing at Bethany was for His burial. Jesus' raising of Lazarus was a pretense to deliver Him to a kangaroo trial. His triumphant entry was His final journey to the city of His death. And above all, the arrival of Greeks who wished to see Jesus, proclaimed the good news that the new and greater Temple, Jesus' own body, was ready for His Passion. *Christ, my God, Who by death did trample death, Who, being One of the Holy Trinity is glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save me! Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: John 12:24-43 The Son of Man Must be Lifted Up

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up" (Jn 3:14). Recall that old Israel was saved from death in beholding the serpent on the poll—not as a magic formula, but as an act of repentant faith. Likewise Jesus, lifted high on the cross, calls you not just to acknowledge the historic fact of His crucifixion, although that is a good start. Even more so, He calls you to believe that He is the Seed that bears the fruit of your salvation; to behold the One who was lifted up in the manner of the bronze serpent to crush the satanic serpent; and to receive the "glory that comes from God" (v. 43)—the glory of winning your salvation. *Your cross I place before me; Its saving power restore me, sustain me in the test (LSB 453.7) Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:1-23; 42 The Son of Man Must be Betrayed into the Hands of Sinful Men

The late Archbishop and TV personality Fulton Sheen tells of being offered free cross necklaces from a local merchant, who had received them from some nuns who did not want to wear them because the crosses separated them from the world. The nuns donated thirty crosses and they were made of silver! This recalls how the Lord was betrayed from within, fulfilling Psalm 41:9, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." Thus your salvation, O Sinner, happened "on the night [Jesus] was betrayed" that you might kiss the Son in faith, receive the eternal treasures of salvation, and live each day under the cross. *Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies (LSB 878.6). Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 13:1-15 The Son of Man Came to Serve, not to be Served

How did tempestuous Peter react as Jesus scooted along the floor with a bowl of water and a towel? Foot washing was the menial task of the entry-level slave, certainly no job for the King of Israel! And yet, stripping down to His most basic garments, Jesus thoroughly washed each disciple's feet from accumulated dirt and filth. For if He, their Lord and Master, humbled Himself to serve them, then they must learn to serve one another. His service (and theirs) did not stop at the threshold of His betrayal and death. Jesus continues to serve you through your pastor in the Divine Service of the Lord's Supper, an everlasting memorial to the service He rendered on Golgotha. *Blood of Christ, refresh me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:33-54 The Son of Man Must Suffer the Penalties of Human Sin

The account of Jesus' suffering and death in Matthew's gospel is perhaps best read alongside Psalm 22. Jesus quotes the opening words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" but the entire Psalm finds its fulfillment in Jesus' Passion, where he is the Temple transfigured. Precisely in His Passion He is the once-for-all bloody sacrifice, the high Priest of greater things to come, and therefore the new and greater Temple—crucified by the unbelievers, but bound to rise again in three days. He now exercises His kingship with you (Ps 22:27–31) by sharing the blood of the atonement and the bread of His presence in the Passover transfigured, the Lord's Supper. *By Your cross and Passion, by Your precious death and burial: Help me, good Lord! Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 3:17-22 The Son of Man Must be Made Alive in the Spirit

The Noahic narrative (Gen 6–8) is a microcosm of the severity of God's judgment and the magnitude of His grace: unbelievers die a horrible death; God's people live. In the New Testament, Jesus "double tapped" on this judgment when He descended into hell not to evangelize, but to proclaim His Lordship to the impenitent. God's grace to Noah and Jesus' descent into hell point ahead to His baptismal grace for you, especially this evening at Easter Vigil as the church around the world conducts baptisms, wherein they (and you) receive "a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (v. 21). *Lord, when Your glory I shall see and taste Your kingdom's pleasure, Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure! (LSB 438.4). Amen.*

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