



“He Suffered the Worldliness of Sinners”

**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 66:10-11; Psalm 122:1-2, 6, 8**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad with her,\*  
 all you who | love her;  
 that you may feed and be | satisfied\*  
 with the consolation of her | bosom.  
 I was glad when they | said to me,\*  
 “Let us go into the house | of the Lord.”  
 Our feet have been | standing\*  
 within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!  
 Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem:\*  
 “May they prosper who | love you.”  
 For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will | now say,\*  
 “Peace be with- | in you.”

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Galatians 4:28**  
 “Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of the promise.”

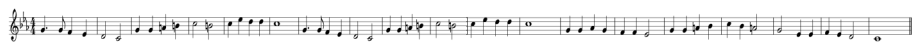
**7** READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK  
 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we implore You that we, who do  
 worthily deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may mercifully be  
 relieved by the comfort of Your grace; 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  
**Jesus, Priceless Treasure**

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 Johann Franck



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| <p>1. Jesus, priceless Treasure,<br/>                 Fount of purest pleasure,<br/>                 Truest Friend to me.<br/>                 Ah, how long in anguish<br/>                 Shall my spirit languish,<br/>                 Yearning, Lord, for Thee?<br/>                 Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!<br/>                 I will suffer naught to hide Thee,<br/>                 Naught I ask beside Thee.</p> | <p>2. In Thine arms I rest me;<br/>                 Foes who would molest me<br/>                 Cannot reach me here.<br/>                 Though the earth be shaking,<br/>                 Every heart be quaking,<br/>                 Jesus calms my fear.<br/>                 Lightnings flash And thunders crash;<br/>                 Yet, though sin and hell assail me,<br/>                 Jesus will not fail me.</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: He Suffered the Worldliness of Sinners**

Our God is a God of love and compassion. Though we were hopelessly enslaved and afflicted, addicted to the desires and passions of the world and our flesh, the Lord sought us out and delivered us. "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, took upon Himself our flesh and blood, yet without sin. He suffered the sin of the world, our worldliness, unto death on the cross that we might be released from our bondage and set free.

"Exult, O earth; the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted."

SUN

**SCRIPTURE: John 6:1-15: This is the Prophet**

The LORD promised to Moses, "I will raise up a prophet like you" (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18). There had been many prophets, Elijah and Elisha, Isaiah and Jeremiah, but none quite like Moses. But when the people, more than 5,000 people, are fed by Jesus in the wilderness, they are astonished. They remember the Manna in the wilderness. They remember Moses and this promise, and they say, "This is truly the Prophet to come into the world" (John 6:14). They are right. Jesus is the promised Prophet, like Moses, but even greater. The Law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). *Lord Jesus, give us our daily bread, and teach us Your grace and truth. Amen.*

MON

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 46: Safe in God's City**

This Psalm gives us a marvelous picture: we are in a besieged city. Outside the city walls is chaos, crumbling mountains and roaring seas. Enemy armies are mustered all around us, but inside the city we are safe and provided for. There is a river, and God is in our midst, we shall not be moved. But then, if this were not enough, we are called to come up to the walls and look out to the battlefield. The Lord has gone out from the city; He is destroying the enemies, breaking spears and shattering bows, and in the triumph of battle He looks back to us and says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted in the earth!" *O Lord, we marvel at Your goodness, that You have triumphed over our enemies. Amen.*

TUE

**SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:21-31: Children of Freedom**

This text is a bit tricky, an extended analogy comparing two moms, two sons, two cities, two mountains, and two ways of standing before God. Hagar was Sarah's maidservant, and her son Ishmael was born through human effort to control the future. This is the doctrine of the Law, which is also represented by Mt. Sinai and the Pharisees in Jerusalem. But there is another son, Isaac, the son of the promise, born through the barrenness of Sarah. He is the child of promise, born free, and he corresponds to the heavenly Jerusalem and the doctrine of the Gospel. We, St. Paul reminds us, are the children of the Gospel, children of freedom, children begotten through the promise of the Gospel. *Lord Jesus, set us free, and bring us to the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen.*

WED

**SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:8-13: The Father and the Son Plan Redemption**

This passage is one of those wonderful places in the Scriptures where the Father is talking to the Son. (The entire chapter is a back-and-forth conversation). The Father is sending His Son to save and shepherd His people. "I will give You as a covenant to the people, to restore the earth" (Isaiah 49:8). The Son is the Father's joy, and He is our joy as well. Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! Break out in singing, O mountains! The LORD has comforted His people, and will have mercy on the afflicted" (49:13). We are the afflicted. We are the objects of His mercy. We are the restored, the revived, the redeemed and forgiven. God be praised! *O Lord Jesus, thank You for revealing to us Your conversation of mercy and Your council of love. Amen.*

THU

**SCRIPTURE: John 6:36-51: Jesus is the Bread of Life**

There was once a tree whose fruit gave eternal life. But Adam and Eve ate from a different tree, and now we eat, day after day, food that barely sustains us. Dying, we feast on the bread of death. But Jesus is different food. "I am the bread of life" (6:48). "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever" (6:51). We eat this bread when we believe in Jesus. We feast on His flesh by faith in His promises. We have this life, His eternal life, when we trust that Jesus has paid the price for our sins, and that His death is our life. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life" (6:47). *Lord, give us faith in the works You accomplished by Your faith, that we would be filled with Your righteousness. Amen.*

FRI

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Peter 1:2-11: Don't Forget You're Clean**

St. Peter helps us start a virtue collection. "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love" (1:5-7). That's a good collection. That's a collection of good, and this is what we are supposed to be getting after in this life. Jesus has forgiven our sins. We are clothed in His righteousness. We are saved! Now control our own bodies to serve God and love our neighbor. *Grant to us, O Lord, a collection of virtue, self-control, patience, godliness, kindness, and love. Amen.*

SAT

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139: We are Known. We are Created. We are Saved.**

What a Psalm! David begins this prayer praising God's omniscience (knowledge of everything) and omnipresence (being everywhere). There is no where we can go to hide or escape God's presence. David continues by remembering that God created him. We were knit together in our mother's womb. David ends asking for the Lord's vengeance on evil-doers, and protection for His people. We are known. We are created. We are saved! What comfort. *Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.*