

THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord—The Hour of His Glory

John 12:12–23; Zechariah 9:9–12; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 26–27

“Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9–12; Matthew 21:1–9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself



even to the point of death on a cross (Philippians 2:5–11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin’s curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear

the name “Barabbas,” “son of the Father” (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the Name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, “Truly this was the Son of God!” (Matthew 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:11).

✠ PALMARUM ✠

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 is seated 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.

PSALMODY (*sing or read out loud each day*)

Psalm 31

LEARN BY HEART LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: The Lord's Prayer

The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy Name.

How is God's Name kept holy?

God's Name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in Heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the Name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

DAILY READINGS

Sunday:	Psalm 133	Numbers 13-14	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	1 Thessalonians 1
Monday:	Psalm 134	Numbers 15	Isaiah 54	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
Tuesday:	Psalm 135	Numbers 16-17	Isaiah 55	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13
Wednesday:	Psalm 136	Numbers 18-19	Isaiah 56-57	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Thursday:	Psalm 137	Numbers 20-21	Isaiah 58	1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
Friday:	Psalm 138	Numbers 22	Isaiah 59	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Saturday:	Psalm 139	Numbers 23-24	Isaiah 60	1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

HYMN OF THE WEEK

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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PRAYERS

The following suggestions are offered as an aid in developing the habit of praying for ourselves and others each week:

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by Word and Sacrament.

Monday: For faith to live in the promise of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to God's Word; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for deacons, teachers, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Friday: For faithful preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors as they prepare to administer and for people as they prepare to receive Christ's holy gifts.

Almighty and Everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and 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.

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, those in need, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

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.

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.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with us all.

Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

Job 19:23–27

Psalm 118

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

Mark 16:1–20

Hymn of the Day

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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