

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *Palmarum* (*Palm Sunday*)

Sunday, April 14, 2019 through Saturday, April 20, 2019

“The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory”

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).

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

PSALM Psalm 31

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION *Article XIX: The Cause of Sin*

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 41, 198

DAILY READINGS

Palm Sunday, April 14: Exodus 8:1-32
Hebrews 1:1-14

Monday, April 15: Exodus 9:1-28 [Lamentations 1:1-22]
Hebrews 2:1-18

Tuesday, April 16: Exodus 9:29-10:20 [Lamentations 2:1-22]
Hebrews 3:1-19

Wednesday, April 17: Exodus 10:21-11:10 [Lamentations 3:1-66]
Hebrews 4:1-16

Holy Thursday, April 18: Exodus 12:1-28 [Lamentations 4:1-22]
Hebrews 5:1-14

Good Friday, April 19: Exodus 12:29-13:16 [Lamentations 5:1-22]
Hebrews 6:1-20 [Psalm 22]

Holy Saturday, April 20: Exodus 13:17-14:9
Hebrews 7:1-22

HYMN

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438:1, 2

A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
"All this I gladly suffer."

This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
"And free My children from their dread,
Of guilt and condemnation."
"The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your Passion they will share,
The fruit of Your salvation."

PRAYERS

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. Amen.

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. Amen.

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.

MORNING PRAYER

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 PRAYER

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.

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 (Easter Sunday)*

Job 19:23-27

Psalm 118

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Mark 16:1-20

Hymn of the Day

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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