

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For Holy Week /Palm Sunday

April 14 through April 21, 2019

Catechesis Notes for the Week — Psalm 28: A Prayer to the Rock of Our Salvation—Jesus is the Rock of our salvation. He is the strength of the Church and every Christian. When we are attacked by forces hostile to the Christian faith, as Jesus was during His Passion, we cry out to Him whose very blood was shed for our redemption. He hears our prayers and answers them. He does not keep silent. He comforts and strengthens us in His holy sanctuary. We live from the Lord's preaching and the Lord's Supper. Psalm 28 is a prayer that rejoices and rests confidently in the Lord's salvation. Those who reject our Lord Jesus are commended to God. He and He alone must deal with them according to what they have done in impenitence and the rejection of the Gospel. But He will not forsake those whom He has redeemed, but will shepherd them and bear them up forever.

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: Father, Forgive Them, for They Know Not What They Do

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Verse: Romans 8:38-39

I am persuaded that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor principalities nor powers,
nor things present nor things to come,
nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing,
shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalm 28 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.

Prayer on the Psalm: Almighty God, grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses we may be restored through the passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	84	119:73-80	34	5	38	22	43	93
Evening	42, 32	121, 6	25, 91	27, 51	126, 102	107, 130	31, 143	136, 117

Readings for Holy Week/Palm Sunday

Day	Bible Stories for the Family and Academy OR use → → → → →	Daily Prayer Readings from LSB, p. 299	
Sunday	The Passion According to St. Luke	Exodus 8:1-32	Heb. 1:1-14
Monday	John Passion: Jesus before the High Priest—John 18:15-27	Exodus 9:1-28	Heb. 2:1-18
Tuesday	John Passion: Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—John 18:28-40	Exodus 9:29—10:20	Heb. 3:1-19
Wednesday	John Passion: Jesus Is Crucified—John 19:1-24	Exodus 10:21—11:10	Heb. 4:1-16
Thursday	John Passion: Jesus' Death and Burial—John 19:25-42	Exodus 12:1-28	Heb. 5:1-14
Friday	No School	Ex. 12:29-32, 13:1-16	Heb. 6:1-20
Saturday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings Sunday's readings	Exodus 13:17—14:9	Heb. 7:1-22
Sunday	Look Ahead to Sunday's Readings Sunday's readings	Exodus 14:10-31	Heb. 7:23—8:13

The Catechism: Table of Duties— To Husbands

<p>What does God's Word say to husbands? Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.</p>	<p>First Grade + 1 Peter 3:7</p>
<p>Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.</p>	<p>First Grade + Colossians 3:19</p>

Prayers: Catechism Prayers, In Our Prayers at Peace, and the Collects for the Week

Prayer for Husbands

O Lord Jesus, by Your Word and Spirit, fashion the men of Your Church into husbands made in Your image, who love their wives and sacrifice themselves for them, even as You gave Yourself for us, Your bride the Church. Teach them to respect their wives and to treat them with tenderness, compassion, and lovingkindness. Deliver them from all pride and arrogance so that they do not take advantage of their wives, but honor them as joint heirs of the gracious gift of life. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer (LSB p. 294)

In Our Prayers this Week

Thanksgiving for the birth of a healthy son, Bennett Harry, to Eric and Kayla Kütemeier.

Charlie Rothe – 7th deployment to Afghanistan

For those who mourn: the family of Marie Scheler.

Thomas Verage, son of Rev. Kyle and Grace Verage, Grayson, son of Ryan and Andrea Palmer, born prematurely

The Sick: Matt Gatchell, Bob Piper; Harold Kampin; Elsie Neumann; Joan, sister of Geri Zaretzke; Dan, friend of the Welches;

Achim, nephew of Luise Bollmeyer.

Hospice care: Shirley Kessler

Collect for Holy Week:

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.

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (stanzas 1, 4, 6, 7)

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Looking forward to The Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Week

April 21, 2019

Hymns: 467, 458, 741 (1-4), 461, 482, 486, 741 (5-8), 465

Job 19:23-27: The Old Testament Prophet Job lived perhaps 2,000 years before our Lord's death and resurrection. His book chronicles the trials and tribulations that he endured. He had been a wealthy man and a faithful believer in the Lord, but Satan attacked him and brought all kinds of suffering into his life. He lost his wealth, his property, and his physical health. His children were killed, his wife renounced the faith, and his friends turned against him. Job was a man of unspeakable sorrow who endured unbearable spiritual, emotional, and physical pain. In this condition, the Old Testament Reading for Easter Sunday records Job's confession of faith in Christ: "I know that my Redeemer lives." Stripped of his health and every earthly support, the only thing that was left was the living faith that God had worked in his heart. This faith was made resilient through the things that he suffered and boldly confessed the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the body. "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold...How my heart yearns within me!" This faith and hope is the ultimate comfort for every Christian.

I Cor. 15:51-57: The problem of sin's corruption has affected us at every level of our being. But Jesus' forgiveness, earned for us by His suffering and death upon the cross, will result in a complete transformation of our nature in the resurrection on the last day. Our mortal flesh will put on immortality and our corruptible flesh will put on incorruption, then the corruption of sin will be no more. None of the effects of sin will be manifest in us in the slightest. Death will forever be destroyed and we will live eternally in the victory that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 16:1-8: The scene of our Lord's resurrection begins in a garden in the early morning on the first day of the week. The evangelist intends to remind us of creation and the Garden of Eden. After God finished His work on the sixth day of creation, man quickly turned away from the Lord's Word and plunged himself and all of creation into sin and death. After Jesus finished His work on the sixth day of Holy Week, Jesus quickly rose from the dead and the new creation was born out of the forgiveness of sins that Jesus earned for us in His death. The women's question, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" indicates that they and we were powerless to rescue ourselves from sin and death. Only Jesus could roll away the stone of death, because only Jesus could conquer sin and vanquish the age-old Serpent's power to condemn. The message of the resurrection Gospel is that Jesus is risen from the dead to give forgiveness, new life, and salvation to sinners. This message was to be proclaimed to all of His disciples, and especially to broken and contrite sinners, like Peter, who had left the courtyard of the High Priest in misery and shame. "Go and tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is risen from the dead!"