

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For Holy Week / Palm Sunday

April 2 through April 9, 2023

**Catechesis Notes for the Week** — *“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand” (Isaiah 53:10). “It was God the Father’s gracious will for our salvation that His Son should be crushed for our iniquities and that His soul should be offered up in atonement for our sin. In Jesus’ baptism and in His transfiguration the Father spoke of His delight in His Son who was obedient unto death and who willingly offered Himself in love for the sin of the world. ‘This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased’ (Matthew 3:17; 17:5). The Father made Jesus an offering for sin. Jesus’ ‘seed’ are all those who have come to faith in Him through the preaching of the Gospel. Through the Word of the Gospel Jesus becomes the spiritual father of every believer in Christ, as the prophet Isaiah earlier named Him the ‘Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace’ (Isaiah 9:6).” Excerpted from Lutheran Catechesis: Catechist Edition, p. 106b*

## 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: The King of the Jews Is Mocked

### Invocation

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

### Apostles’ Creed

Verse: Job 19:25-26

**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.**

*Psalm 118:19-29 and/or the appointed daily psalms listed below.*

**Prayer on the Psalm:** *O Lord of our salvation, You were faithful to the fathers in redeeming them from slavery in Egypt through the blood of the Passover Lamb, teach us ever to cry out in faith to our true Passover Lamb, that we might be delivered from the bondage to sin and be brought into the freedom of Christ’s righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 |

### Bible Readings for the Week:

|           | Bible Narrative   | Second Reading         |
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| Sunday    | <b>Sunday of the Passion:</b> Matthew 26:1—27:66<br>Sermon: The King of the Jews is Mocked—Matthew 27:27-44 |                        |
| Monday    | <b>Holy Monday:</b> Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany—John 12:1-43   | 1 Peter 2:21-24        |
| Tuesday   | <b>Holy Tuesday:</b> St. Mark Passion—Mark 14:1—15:47   | 1 Timothy 6:12-14      |
| Wednesday | <b>Holy Wednesday: Jesus’ Death and Burial</b> —Matthew 27:45-66  | Revelation 1:5b-7      |
| Thursday  | <b>Maundy Thursday:</b> John 13:1-15, 34-35   | 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 |
| Friday    | <b>Good Friday:</b> St. John Passion—John 18:1—19:42  | 2 Corinthians 5:14-21  |
| Saturday  | <b>Holy Saturday:</b> Matthew 27:57-66  | 1 Peter 3:17-22        |

### The Catechism: Table of Duties—Of Citizens

(Preschool children and everyone, review the primary texts of the fourth through sixth commandments.)

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| What does God’s Word say of citizens?<br>Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.   | First Grade +<br>Matthew 22:21 |
| It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing.<br>Give everyone what you owe him:<br>If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. | Third Grade +<br>Romans 13:5-7 |

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| I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. | <u>Second Grade +</u><br>1 Timothy 2:1-3 |
| Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.  | <u>First Grade +</u><br>Titus 3:1        |
| Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.                                | <u>Fourth Grade +</u><br>1 Peter 2:13-14 |

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

**Prayer of a Christian Citizen**

*Merciful Father, grant us faith to pray for the civil authorities and to trust that You will accomplish Your good and gracious will through them. Teach us to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness and to be ready to do whatever is good in service to others in our community and nation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**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.*

**In Our Prayers this Week** (include the petitions below followed by the Lord’s Prayer)

**Baptism:** Selah Ann Gierach, newborn daughter of Keith and Hannah Gierach.

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Linda Milos, Ava Damato (4/1), Jackie Klug, Chase and Norah Galles (4/4), Karen Frerking (4/5), Verla Gatchell (4/7), Paul Woehrmann, Rachael and Sarah Ligrow (4/8).

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Randy and Pam Kirk (4/3).

**Those Who Serve in the Military:** Jessica Franklin (Air Force); John Franklin (Minnesota National Guard); Evon Ingraham (Army Reserves); Robert Haga and Mark Meyle (Marines); Morgan Thoni (Navy); David Uttenreither (Army).

**The Sick:** Michael Chen (father of Nicola Giordano); Jan Wollin rehospitalized with heart problems; Mark Gretzinger medical testing for undiagnosed medical issues; Dawn Fredrich recovering from surgery; Dennis Michaelis, Gabby Hartwig, Mike Ferguson, Peyton Locklair, Jamilyn Martin, Kathy Miller, and Heather Peters in cancer treatment.

**Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism.**

**Hymn of the Week**

**“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” (stanza 1-2)**

**438**

**Looking forward to The Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Week**

**April 9, 2023**

**Hymns: 633, 467, 457, 479, 468, 482, 465, 741 (1-2, 6-8)**

**Isaiah 25:6-9:** *The mountain of the Lord, where He provides a feast for all people, is His Church in the eternal glory of heaven. In the resurrection to eternal life, the faithful have the promise that He will swallow up death forever and end all sorrow and suffering. In that day our confession of faith in Christ will be vindicated, as the prophet declares: “It will be said in that day: ‘Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him and He will save us. This is the Lord; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.’”*

**1 Cor. 15:1-11:** *Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and Christ rose from the dead according to the Scriptures. This is important because the comfort and certainty of our salvation rests firmly upon God’s Word alone. Only God’s Word, revealed in the Scriptures, can give us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation that Jesus earned for us in His death and resurrection. The apostle Paul is careful to declare that these saving events—Jesus’ death and bodily resurrection from the dead—actually happened, just as the Scriptures say, that we might actually be saved from real sin and real death.*

**John 20:1-18:** *The account of the resurrection of our Lord from the Evangelist St. John emphasizes the intimate details that surrounded that first Easter. The disciples loved their Lord because of the love that they had received from Him. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early on Sunday morning to weep and complete the preparations of the body for a proper burial. When she found that the tomb was empty, she ran to tell Peter and John, believing that someone had stolen Jesus’ body. Peter and John’s hurried visit to the tomb found it just as Mary had said, but they did not find Jesus’ body. Finally, as Mary stood in bewildered grief in the cemetery garden, Jesus Himself, risen from the dead, spoke to her and called her by name. Overwhelmed with joy and love for Him she held onto His body with all her might. He was alive! He was risen from the dead, body and soul! She held on to her Jesus! What Mary did was not wrong. She did what true faith always does: it clings to Jesus’ Word; it holds on to Him! In our grief and sorrows, we are strengthened by Jesus’ comforting Word of forgiveness and grace; and we partake of His true body and blood in the blessed and sure hope that we will rise with Him bodily on the last day.*