
THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 15-21, 2016

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. If able, the head of the home should take the role of "Leader" (L) and the family the role of "Group" (G). The whole family should try to learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: Christ Took the World's Evil and Suffering on Himself!

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ☩ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.¹

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

VERSE

1 Corinthians 10:4

L All drank the same spiritual drink.

G For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

DAILY PSALM

The leader may read the appointed Psalm for the day. If applicable, members of the family may take turns reading the Psalm for the Day.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Morning	131,132	135	137,138	140,141	144	147	148
Evening	133,134	136	139	142,143	145	146	149,150

PSALM PRAYER

L Most merciful God and Father, You are faithful to Your promises and You call us to repentance to forgive our sin and restore us to Your salvation. Teach us to return to you daily, to listen to Your Word, and to remain steadfast in the true faith, that Your righteousness and peace might sustain us in all we do, until we enter the eternal land of rest with Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

¹ The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross reminds worshipers of their baptisms. Martin Luther wrote in his *Small Catechism*, "In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'"



<p>L Where is this written?</p> <p>G The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:</p>	<p>Second Grade +</p>
<p>G Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, <i>“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”</i></p> <p>Then he took he cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, <i>“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”</i></p>	<p>Kindergarten +</p>
<p>L What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?</p> <p>G That is shown us by these words: <i>“Given”</i> and <i>“poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.”</i></p> <p>Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament.</p> <p>For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.</p>	<p>First Grade +</p>
<p>L How can eating and drinking do such great things?</p> <p>G It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words <i>“Given”</i> and <i>“poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.”</i></p> <p>These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking.</p> <p>And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say: <i>“forgiveness of sins.”</i></p>	<p>Second Grade +</p>

DAILY READINGS

In 2016, we will be working through a Harmony of the Four Gospels, following Jesus’ birth, life, and death chronologically as the Gospels present it.

	Bible Stories for the Family	Through the Bible in Two Years
Tuesday	More Sabbath controversies Matthew 12:1-15a; Mark 2:23-28, 3:1-6; Luke 6:1-11	Luke 17
Wednesday	The healing of multitudes Matthew 12:15b-21; Mark 3:7-12	Luke 18
Thursday	The First Lesson for Palm Sunday Exodus 3:1-8b, 10-15	Luke 19-20
Friday	The Epistle Lesson for Palm Sunday 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 21-22
Saturday	The Gospel for Palm Sunday Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Luke 23-24
Sunday	Christ’s selection of the Twelve Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16	John 1-2
Monday	Christ’s Sermon on the Mount (Matthew) Matthew 5:1-8:1	John 3

PRAYERS

Collect for Palm Sunday:

L We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Tuesday: For the Church in our nation and throughout the world; for the congregations, clergy, laity, officers, teachers and students of theology of our synod; for church bodies of our fellowship around the globe; for organizations for men's, women's, and youth work. For children of the Church; for Christian education; for parish schools; for teachers and assistants.*
- Wednesday: For families, children, relatives, and friends; for Christian marriages; for the nurture of children in the gospel. For young people and young people's work in the church. For single people and their labor in the Lord. For households; for the men and women of the congregation.*
- Thursday: For our country and its people; for repentance, faith, love, honesty, and obedience to law; for unity, justice, and peace; for those in authority: the president, the congress, the governor, city officials, and all those who make and administer our laws; for our armed forces at home and abroad; for good citizenship. For the commerce, industry, and agriculture in our land. For all useful arts; for the right use of science and technology. For enemies; for the indifferent; for the lapsed.*
- Friday: For the suffering; for the poor; for the hungry and cold; for refugees; for prisoners; for the oppressed; for the mentally ill; for the despairing. For social workers; for chaplains; for doctors and nurses; for hospitals and other relief agencies. For those in the congregation who suffer: the aged, the sick, the dying, the bereaved, and the lonely.*
- Saturday: For the services tomorrow: for worshipers, listeners, and communicants. For other congregations, their services and ministers. Remembrance of the departed; preparation of the Church for the coming of Christ; remembrance of the brevity of life and of judgment to come; prayer for a blessed death.*
- Sunday: For the holy Christian Church and the congregation; that the blessing of worship and preaching may continue through the week; for the practice of family worship; for the baptized and communicants; for those absent from worship.*
- Monday: For the missions of the Church; for the proclamation of the gospel in all the world; for new and established churches; for organizations that promote and support missions and missionaries; for the raising up of leaders at home and abroad; for zeal in missions at home and open doors throughout the world; for oneness in Spirit and brotherly love. For fellow workers in the parish: Sunday school and Lutheran elementary school teachers, altar guild, musicians, elders, deaconesses, trustees, elected officers, leaders, and volunteers of every kind in the congregation. For one's own vocation and daily work; for the unemployed.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Vivian Alexander and Aaron Haas, as they remember their baptisms this week, that they treasure the grace shown to them when they were made children of God through those precious waters.

Logan Hansen, Everleigh Pasbrig, and Tony Wenz, as they celebrate their birthdays this week, that the Lord grant to them another year of blessing and grace.

Ila Schoning, at the anniversary of her mother's death, that she be comforted by the precious truths of your promises of eternal life and the resurrection from the dead.

LORD'S PRAYER

G 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.

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning

G In the name of the Father, and of the Son (☩), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.²

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening

G In the name of the Father, and of the Son (☩), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.¹

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY FOR PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

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PALM SUNDAY

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Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments stowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

² Luther, in his *Small Catechism*, encourages Christians who pray the Morning and Evening prayers: "In the morning when you get up and in the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross over your head and heart and say, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son (☩), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'"