



“The Lord is Yet to Come Again”

**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 20:29, 30; 62:11; Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17**

Daughter of | Zion,\*  
    behold, surely your salvation is | coming.  
The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to be heard,\*  
    and you shall have glad- | ness of heart. (Isaiah 20:29, 30; 62:11)  
Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,\*  
    You who lead Jacob | like a flock.  
Restore | us, O God:\*  
    cause Your face to shine, and we | shall be saved!  
Return, we beseech You, O | God of Hosts,\*  
    look down from heav- | en and see.  
Let Your hand be upon the Man of Your | right hand,\*  
    upon the Son of Man whom You made strong | for Yourself.

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Romans 15:13**  
Romans 15:13: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

**7** READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK  
Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son that by His coming we may be given to serve You with cleansed minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**9** PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

**10** SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK **O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee**  
TLH 58, LSB 334  
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- 1. O Lord, how shall I meet Thee,  
How welcome Thee aright?  
Thy people long to greet Thee,  
My Hope, my heart's Delight!  
O kindle, Lord, most holy,  
Thy lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please Thee best.
- 2. Love caused Thy incarnation,  
Love brought Thee down to me;  
Thy thirst for my salvation  
Procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling,  
That led Thee to embrace,  
In love all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen race!

**1** BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**2** SAY 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 sits 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.

**3** PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER  
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.

**4** PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER  
*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. Amen.  
*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. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: **The Lord is Yet to Come Again**

Jesus is coming back, and that is good news. He is our Savior. He came in the flesh to save us from sin, and He will return on the last day to rescue us from sorrow, suffering, and death. In our Lord Jesus we find God's comfort and kindness, we find God's mercy and smile. All through the troubles of this short life He is with us, giving us His hope, and filling us with joy and peace in believing.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 21:25-36: Instructions for the Last Moments in History**

Jesus is coming back. This is, for us Christians, not a threat. It's a promise. He comes to rescue us, deliver us, and bring us from this veil of tears to the resurrection of the body and the new heaven and earth. So our Lord gives us instructions for the last moments of history as we know it. "When these things begin to happen," when we see Jesus coming on the clouds in great glory, we should not be like the rest of humanity that is running for the mountains, trying to hide for the things about to happen. No, we should "look up, and lift up our heads, because your redemption draws near." Not our destruction. Not our death. Not our terror. Our redemption draws near. Our Jesus draws near. *Come Lord Jesus. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 42: Soul, Why So Gloomy?**

The Psalms are helpful for so many reasons. One of them is that they remind us that we are not alone. We are not the only ones suffering from spiritual affliction. We are not the only ones who feel abandoned by God. We are not the only ones sad, confused, and troubled. "My tears have been my food day and night while they say continually to me, 'Where is your God?'" We stand with King David and every Christian wrestling with the Lord. But the Psalms also remind us that we are not, in fact, abandoned by God. He is our God, and still, through tears and insults, our hope is in Him. *We still praise You, O Lord, for Your help and salvation. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **Romans 15:4-13: The God of All Hope**

How can we be hopeless? Our God raises the dead! A corpse, you might think, has reason to be hopeless. But not when Jesus is around! He is the first-fruits of the resurrection from the dead, and you and I will follow. We who trust Christ will also be raised to the joys of eternal life. This is our hope, and it is as sure as the grave of Jesus is empty. We will be raised! When He gives us this hope, God the Holy Spirit also gives us joy and peace. "May the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!" *O Lord, by the comfort and patience of Your Word, grant us to abide in hope, joy, and peace. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Micah 4:1-7: Many Will Say, "Come, Let Us Go to the Mountain of the LORD"**

Micah is prophesying about the church, the "Mountain of the LORD." This is where the Lord dwells with His people in peace. This is where the atoning sacrifice of the cross of Jesus gives us rest and protection. This is where the good news is announced that God is not mad at us, that His anger was spent, that He looks at us with peace and joy. This is where the Lord puts His name on us, the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit in our adoption and new birth of baptism. This is where we walk "in the name of the LORD of God forever and ever." *O LORD, we thank You that You dwell with us in peace, that You have forgiven our sins and made us Your holy people. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 1:26-35: Name Him Jesus**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came to Mary. "Rejoice!" Indeed, this news is not only joy for Mary but for the entire world. "You will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS... That Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God." God has a birth. God has a mother. God has a body. And all of this is so that God can have a funeral. Imagine it! The Son of God becomes the Son of Mary so that He can be crucified for us and become our Savior! Mary is not the only one who found favor with God. *O Lord, we thank You that You took on our humanity and our sin to win for us heavenly favor and mercy. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Romans 2:1-16: No Excuse**

Paul lets no one off the hook. Every human being is a sinner and deserving of God's wrath, even the Gentiles who were never given the Ten Commandments. Their conscience, says Paul, is enough to accuse them. We are not only condemned by God's standard of right and wrong, we are even condemned by our own. Imagine this: you are wearing a recorder around your neck, and every time you judge or condemn another person it clicks on and records what you say. And the Lord uses this recording, your own words, to judge you. I would rather have the Ten Commandments! But, thanks be to God, Jesus has taken all of our sin, and all of the wrath it deserved. He alone is our hope. He is our forgiveness, life, and salvation. *Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 91: In the Secret Place**

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Almighty shall abide under the shadow of His wings." Where is that secret place? How can we dwell there? Only the High Priest was allowed into the Most Holy Place, and only on the Day of Atonement, and only with blood from the sacrifice for his sins and the sins of the people. But this Psalm teaches us to pray "He is my God, in Him will I trust." It is by faith that we live with God. By faith in His promises that we dwell in the secret place. We trust that the Lord is merciful to us in Christ, and that faith in the Lord accounts as righteousness. By faith our lives are hidden with Christ, and the Lord is our refuge and fortress. *Be with us in trouble, O LORD, deliver us and honor us, and show us Your salvation. Amen.*

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