

**5** PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 22:19, 21, 1, 7-8, 11

But You, O Lord, do not be | far from Me;\*  
O My Strength, hasten to | help Me!  
Save Me from the | lion's mouth\*  
and from the horns of the wild | oxen!  
My God, My God, why have You for- | saken Me?\*

Why are You so far from | helping Me.  
All those who see Me ridi- | cule Me;\*

they shoot out the lip, they | shake the head.  
They say "He trusted in the Lord, let Him | rescue Him;\*"   
let Him deliver Him, since He de- | lights in Him!"

Be not far from Me, for trou- | ble is near;\*

for there is | none to help.

**6** SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Matthew 21:9b

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

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

**8** PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both be guided by His patience in this life and also 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.

**9** PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

**10** SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK  
**A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

TLH 142, LSB 438  
Paul Gerhardt



1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of all men bearing;  
And laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing!  
Goes patient on, grow weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer;  
Bears shame and stripes, and wounds  
and death,  
Anguish and mockery, and saith,  
"Willing all this I suffer."

4. From morn till eve my theme shall be  
Thy mercy's wondrous measure;  
To sacrifice myself for Thee  
Shall be my aim and pleasure.  
My stream of life shall ever be  
A current flowing ceaselessly,  
Thy constant praise outpouring.  
I'll treasure in my memory,  
O Lord, all Thou hast done for me,  
Thy gracious love adoring.



"He Suffered All the Penalties of Human Sin"

**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: He Suffered All the Penalties of Human Sin**

Holy Week, it has all come down to this: Thirty-three years of doing the will of the Father for you; thirty-three years of overcoming temptations for you; thirty-three years of proclaiming the Gospel for you; thirty-three years of fulfilling the Law for you. He has done it all, accomplished it all; well almost all. The sin of the world is laid upon His perfect shoulders. He has carried them to Jerusalem; with His face always turned toward the cross. He will not forsake it, not now. This is His purpose: To suffer as a perfect sacrifice all the penalties of your sin and mine. He will be betrayed. He will be beaten and tortured. His disciples will flee. The Lamb will remain silent. The Father will forsake Him. He will die and be placed in a tomb. And it is all for you!

SUN

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-9—Lord Save Us Now...**

Jesus comes riding into Jerusalem like a king; a new and greater Solomon. But His reign will not be a peaceful one; for you it will be, but not for Him. His throne will be a cross, His royal crest bloody wounds and bruises. No ring upon His finger only a nail through His hand. No shiny crown of gold, just a blood smeared diadem of matted hair tangled with razor sharp thorns. The King comes to bring peace to His people and that means a gruesome death for Him. He knows this, has always known this. Nothing could ever turn Him from this macabre coronation. The people cry out, "Lord save us now!" And so do we. Salvation belongs to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The Lamb is about to accomplish it as only He can. And it is all for you! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

MON

**SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-23—The Hour Has Come For The Son Of Man To Be Glorified...**

Glory is a weird thing when seen through the eyes of the cross. It doesn't have the luster and sheen that one would think. It is much more grisly and hideous and grim. But salvation is like this. It doesn't pretend that sin, the grave, and the devil aren't real. Instead, it sees these enemies for what they are and it does battle with them: battle to the death. The glory of God is the cross. The glorification of the Son of Man is His death upon it. Even today it is the same. The Jews demand signs. Greeks seek wisdom. We preach Christ crucified. We preach that foolish stumbling block of the cross, for that is where the glory of God is found. The hour has come for Son of Man to be glorified. He is glorified on the cross for you! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

TUE

**SCRIPTURE: John 12:23-50—Now Is The Judgement Of This World...**

Now is the time for judgment. All of the sin of the world, all of the death, all of the assaults of the devil, all of the guilt and shame, it is now time for all of that to be judged. We hear these words but do we understand what they mean. For certainly the world is still spinning 2000 years later. Jesus is about to be lifted up; naked and bloodied and bruised. It is there, on that cross, upon that perfect sacrifice, that the judgment of God will be sentenced. "Guilty," will be the verdict pronounced upon Jesus. All the wrath and all the punishment for all the sins of the entire world will be meted upon this innocent Lamb who is innocent no longer. He has become sin for us. Christ Jesus is to be judged the sinner that you are. And it is all for you! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

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WED

**SCRIPTURE: John 13:16-38—The Rooster Will Not Crow Till You Have Denied Me Three Times...**

"Lord, I will lay down my life for you." The arrogant words of an arrogant man. These are words that we all wish we would have the courage to say. But Peter had it wrong, and so do we. The Lord needs nothing from us, requires nothing from us. The sacrifice is not ours to give, but ours to receive. It is an odd thing to read: Peter so cocksure that he would give the ultimate sacrifice for Jesus. Jesus knows this is not the case, and that is okay. While Peter runs and hides (and we do the same) Jesus takes these words and makes them His own. "I will lay down my life for you!" He declares. And by the time the rooster crows He is already well on His way. Jesus lays down His life for you not the other way around! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

THU

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26:17-30—Take Eat; This Is My Body. Drink Of It, All Of You, For This Is My Blood...**

The Passover is complete, never to be celebrated again. It is now fulfilled, given once until the end of time for you and me to receive. We sacrifice no lamb, for the Lamb has already been sacrificed. His body is now given for you to eat for the forgiveness of your sins. Blood of a lamb is not painted on a doorpost. Instead it is poured down your throat. The gift is the same, greater. The angel of death will pass over you. The blood of the Lamb of God is the promise given to you each time you drink of it. This holy meal, this better Passover, this foretaste of the feast to come, it is the cross given to you in time and space so that you might receive the Lamb of God. Take eat. Take drink. Jesus is given to you! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

FRI

**SCRIPTURE: John 19:17-30—A Seamless Tunic...**

Jesus' tunic is not torn, it cannot be. It is a weird thing that happens here, and maybe something overlooked. This action fulfills Psalm 22 in every sense of the word. On the cross "it is finished." Jesus hangs with the shame of sin clinging to His nakedness. Each sinner's sin, every last one, clothing His naked flesh. His tunic is given to every sinner to clothe them. The righteousness of Christ is given on that cross so that you and I might put it on and claim it as our own. The dress of the righteous God exchanged for the dress of a sinner. The dress of a sinner exchanged for the dress of a righteous God! There is nothing more that needs to be done. It is finished; all of it. Your sins clothing Christ. His righteousness clothing you! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

SAT

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:57-66—Jesus Dead In The Tomb...**

Jesus rests in the tomb. His work is finished. Today He sanctifies the grave. Tomorrow He will claim victory over it. This is the promise for you. Where is death's victory? Where is death's sting? It is gone! It is buried deep in the ground with Jesus never to rise again. But Jesus will; He did. And so will you. This is your assurance: that God will keep your bodies in peaceful sleep until He comes again in glory. The stone will be rolled away; it has been. The grave will release you from its grips just like it did Jesus. It must. You are one with the Lord of life! His victory is yours. The grave is open. Death is dead. Sins are forgiven. All is accomplished. It is finished. Easter awaits. Fear not! For this eternal Easter is yours in Christ! —*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

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