



“He Ascended to Bless His People”

5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Psalm 27:7-9, 1, 11-12**
 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Alle- | luia.*
 Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide Your face from me. Alle- | luia.
 The Lord is my light and my sal- | vation;*
 whom | shall I fear?
 The Lord is the strength | of my life;*
 of whom shall I | be afraid?
 Teach me Your | way, O Lord,*
 do not deliver me to the will of my adver- | saries;
 for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,*
 and such as breathe out | violence.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Romans 8:33b-34**
 “It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One who died – more than that, Who was raised – Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed is interceding for us.”

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

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
 Almighty, everlasting God, cause us always to have a devout will toward You and to serve Your majesty with a pure heart; through 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 **We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend** TLH 223
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| <p>1. We thank Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend,
 That Thou didst into heaven ascend.
 O blessed Savior, bid us live
 And strength to soul and body give.
 Hallelujah!</p> <p>2. Ascended to His throne on high,
 Hid from our sight, yet always nigh;
 He rules and reigns at God's right
 hand
 And has all power at His command.
 Hallelujah!</p> | <p>4. We therefore heartily rejoice
 And sing His praise with cheerful
 voice;
 He captive led captivity,
 From bitter death He set us free.
 Hallelujah!</p> <p>5. Through Him we heirs of heaven are
 made;
 O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid
 That we may firmly trust in Thee
 And through Thee live eternally.
 Hallelujah!</p> |
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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.

Around the Word Devotions + the week of May 24-30, 2020

THEME OF THE WEEK: He Ascended to Bless His People

As we celebrate our risen Lord's ascension to the right hand of God the Father almighty, so we also celebrate the gift of the Helper, the Holy Spirit Whom He sends to us. Jesus has ascended to all glory and majesty and power; He reigns on high! Yet He has not left us. He is ever with us. And more than that, He even grants to us His Holy Spirit, Who helps and comforts us, Who has called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with His gifts, sanctifies, and keeps us in the one true faith. When we believe and confess that Jesus is Lord, we do so by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us. Praise be to God!

SUN

SCRIPTURE: John 15:26-16:4 The Spirit, the Helper

Jesus has ascended to sit at the right hand of God the Father almighty. He ascended to all glory and power, all authority and might! And He is still with us. But more than that, He has sent the Helper, the Holy Spirit, to us. What does this Helper do? He is the one who has called us by the Gospel! He enlightens us with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true Faith. When we by faith confess that God is our Father and Jesus is our Lord, we do so by the power of the Holy Spirit! *Lord, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we believe and confess Your holy name. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 93 Enthroned on High

The throne of the Creator of the universe and the throne of King David, which lasts into eternity, have become one. Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, is sitting upon it, ruling in majesty and glory forever. He is robed in majesty, wearing strength as His belt. The One by whom all things were made sits enthroned above the thunders of many waters, and yet He who is enthroned is your very brother! Jesus is forever both God and man; your brother is the One Who reigns on high! By the Spirit we join His holy family. *Lord, You reign on high; grant us to endure and reign with You, forevermore. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-13 Faith Comes By Hearing

The Spirit works through simple means: through water, word, wafer, and wine, through ordinary men placed into the Office of the Ministry, speaking God's Word into the hearts of many. The Spirit gives the gift of faith through hearing the Word of God in all languages, whether English or German, Chinese, Spanish, or ASL. The Spirit brings the Word of the Lord out into the farthest corners of the earth, using these means to accomplish salvation in the name of our risen and ascended Lord, Jesus. *Lord, thank You for the gift of faith, which is given by Your Word; use us as Your instruments to share that Word with the world. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 36:25-27 A New Heart

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." The Lord has sprinkled you with the clean water of Holy Baptism. In that sprinkling, He has washed away all uncleanness and He has taken from you all idols; He alone is your God! In Baptism, the Lord takes your heart of stone and gives you a clean heart, a heart of flesh. And He places His own Spirit within you to guide you all the days of your life. By this washing, you are a new creation, created and redeemed by Jesus. *Lord, thank You for washing me and making me clean, for making me a new creation, redeemed and holy. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: John 17:20-26 The One True Faith

The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. We are all kept together by the power of the Spirit in that one true faith, to which the Lord calls us. We are brought together and unified as the Body of Christ, and by the gift of faith, we are united with Jesus, even as Jesus is one with our heavenly Father. *Lord, keep us together with You in the one true faith to life everlasting. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:29-39 At The Right Hand

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has ascended to the right hand of the Father and there He graciously intercedes for us, His called and gathered Church on earth. If Jesus is for us, who could ever be against us? Though many things may threaten us in this life, we have the sure confidence that there is nothing that could ever take us away from our Lord, who is continuously interceding for us. Nothing in all creation, not in life, not even death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Lord, thank You for continually interceding for us and continually keeping us with You in the one true faith. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 97 Rejoice!

Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. He Who is the very Image of God is one with the Father. All who place their trust in images of false gods will be put to shame on the day when the Lord's glory is revealed, but you, O Zion, rejoice! Be glad! The Lord preserves the lives of His saints and delivers them from the hands of the wicked. You who have been made righteous, give thanks to His Holy Name, for He has delivered you from sin, death, and the devil. Rejoice in the Lord always! *Lord, thank You for Your great deliverance and for preserving Your saints; Your name be praised forever. Amen.*

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