

Taking Gathered Worship Home

The Fifth Week of Lent – Sunday, March 17, 2024

"Taking Gathered Worship Home" (TGWH) has been developed for you to use in the private worship of your home, whether you are married or single, and whether or not you have children. It is a tool to knit us together throughout the church year. While we would encourage the use of TGWH in its entirety, you are encouraged to adapt the offerings to your particular circumstances. The prayer is taken from "Lutheran Worship" and the psalm readings are taken from the "Book of Common Prayer" and the daily readings are from "The Book of Common Worship."

Almighty and eternal God, because it was your will that your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us and thus remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Readings

SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 118
Exodus 3:16—4:12
Romans 12:1-21
John 8:46-59
Evening Psalter – 145
♪ *O That I Had a Thousand Voices* (p. 2)

MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 31
Exodus 4:10-31
1 Corinthians 14:1-19
Mark 9:30-41
Evening Psalter – 35
♪ *Like a River Glorious* (p. 4)

TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 120, 121, 122, 123
Exodus 5:1—6:1
1 Corinthians 14:20-33, 39-40
Mark 9:42-50
Evening Psalter – 124, 125, 126, 127
♪ *Before the Throne of God Above* (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:145-176
Exodus 7:8-24
2 Corinthians 2:12—3:6
Mark 10:1-16
Evening Psalter – 128, 129, 130
♪ *He Who Would Valiant Be* (p. 9)

THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 131, 132, 133
Exodus 7:25—8:19
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Mark 10:17-31
Evening Psalter – 140, 142
♪ *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow* (p. 11)

FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 22
Exodus 9:13-35
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Mark 10:32-45
Evening Psalter – 141, 143
♪ *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* (p. 12)

SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 137, 144
Exodus 10:21—11:10
2 Corinthians 4:13-18
Mark 10:46-52
Evening Psalter – 42, 43
♪ *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* (p. 13)

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 40. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even "unto death"?

A. Because with respect to the justice and truth of God, (a) satisfaction for our sins could be made no otherwise, than by the death of the Son of God. (b)
(a) Gen. 2:17. (b) Rom. 8:3, 4; Heb. 2:9, 14, 15.

Q. 41. Why was he also "buried"?

A. Thereby to prove that he was really dead. (a)
(a) Matt. 27:59, 60; Luke 23:52, 53; John 19:38-42; Acts 13:29.

Q. 42. Since then Christ died for us, why must we also die?

A. That by virtue thereof, our old man is crucified, dead and buried with him; (a) that so the corrupt inclinations of the flesh may no more reign in us; (b) but that we may offer ourselves unto him a sacrifice of thanksgiving. (c)
(a) Rom. 6:6. (b) Rom. 6:6-8, 11, 12; Col. 2:12. (c) Rom. 12:1.

Q. 43. What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?

A. That by virtue thereof, our old man is crucified, dead and buried with him; (a) that so the corrupt inclinations of the flesh may no more reign in us; (b) but that we may offer ourselves unto him a sacrifice of thanksgiving. (c)
(a) Rom. 6:6. (b) Rom. 6:6-8, 11, 12; Col. 2:12. (c) Rom. 12:1.

Q. 44. Why is there added, "he descended into hell"?

A. That in my greatest temptations, I may be assured, and wholly comfort myself in this, that my Lord Jesus Christ, by his inexpressible anguish, pains, terrors, and hellish agonies, in which he was plunged during all his sufferings, (a) but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torments of hell. (b)
(a) Ps. 18:5, 6; Ps. 116:3; Matt. 26:38; Heb. 5:7; Isa. 53:10; Matt. 27:46. (b) Isa. 53:5.

In Preparation for the Divine Service:

March 24, 2024, *The Sunday of the Passion*

Sermon Reading: John 12:12-19
Rev. Eric Landry

The Appointed Lessons:

Psalm 118:24-29 Zechariah 9:9-12
Philippians 2:5-11 John 12:12-19