

**ADVENT 2024 — EASTER 2025** 

# THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS AND EASTER

Daily Readings: 2024-2025

Year One - Proper

Our Lord desires that his children, his Church, be drawn together in the unity of truth and in the bonds of affection. Learning to read and speak God's truth together in the same ways is one path to this. *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 the weekly prayer and daily lectionary in its entirety, you are certainly free to adapt these materials to your particular circumstances and personal/family worship time.

The first component listed for each week is a written **prayer** for your use during that particular week. It generally follows the theme set by the scripture readings used in the Divine Service on that Sunday. These prayers are taken from *The Lutheran Service Book, Year A.* 

The second component of TGWH is the week's suggested **Bible reading.** The readings are adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*. They are arranged in a two-year cycle and provide for reading twice through the New Testament and once through much of the Old Testament. The readings reflect the seasons and festivals of the Christian year and come from the Psalter, the Old Testament, the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and the Pastoral Epistles. Often the readings will be connected thematically, giving us a wonderful way to receive the "whole counsel of God."

The third component is the 107 questions and answers from the **Westminster Shorter Catechism** which has been divided into 52 weeks, starting in Advent (December) and concluding at the end of the Church Year (November). This booklet contains the first 52 questions and answers.

It takes a great deal of planning, discipline, and commitment to form this habit of daily reading and praying, but it is one of inestimable value in our "conforming to the likeness of Christ." May God use these elements in our private worship to draw us together in unity and affection, for his glory and the building up of his Church.

# FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147 Isaiah 1:1-9 2 Peter 3:1-10 Matthew 25:1-13 Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3 Isaiah 1:10-20 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Luke 20:1-8 Evening Psalter – 4, 7

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 5, 6 Isaiah 1:21-31 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 20:9-18 Evening Psalter – 10, 11

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1-24 Isaiah 2:1-11 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 Luke 20:19-26 Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19 Isaiah 2:12-22 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 Luke 20:27-40 Evening Psalter – 18:20-50

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17 Isaiah 3:8-15 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Luke 20:41—21:4 Evening Psalter – 22

#### **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 20, 21 Isaiah 4:2-6 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Luke 21:5-19 Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 1. What is the chief purpose for which man is made?

**A.** The chief purpose for which man is made is to glorify God,<sup>[a]</sup> and to enjoy him forever.<sup>[b]</sup>

[a] Psa 86:9; Isa 60:21; Rom 11:36; 1 Cor 6:20; 1 Cor 10:31; Rev 4:11. [b] Psa 16:5-11; Psa 144:15; Isa 12:2; Luk 2:10; Phil 4:4; Rev 21:3-4

# Q. 2. What rule has God given to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him?

**A.** The Word of God, which consists of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, <sup>[a]</sup> is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and enjoy him. <sup>[b]</sup>

[a] Mat 19:4-5 with Gen 2:24; Luk 24:27, 44; 1 Cor 2:13; 1 Cor 14:37; 2 Pet 1:20-21; 2 Pet 3:2, 15-16.

[b] Deu 4:2; Psa 19:7-11; Isa 8:20; John 15:11; John 20:30-31; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 3:15-17; 1 John 1:4.

# SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that at his second coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

# WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

# Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**A.** The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, [a] and what duty God requires of man. [b]

[a] Gen 1:1; John 5:39; John 20:31; Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 3:15. [b] Deu 10:12-13; Jos 1:8; Psa 119:105; Mic 6:8; 2 Tim 3:16-17

#### Q. 4. What is God?

**A.** God is a Spirit, [a] infinite, [b] eternal, [c] and unchangeable [d] in his being, [e] wisdom, [f] power, [g] holiness, [h] justice, [i] goodness, [i] and truth. [k]

[a] Deu 4:15-19; Luk 24:39; John 1:18; John 4:24; Acts 17:29 [b] 1 Ki 8:27; Psa 139:7-10; Psa 145:3; Psa 147:5; Jer 23:24; Rom 11:33-36

[c] Deu 33:27; Psa 90:2; Psa 102:12; Psa 102:24-27; Rev 1:4; Rev 1:8

[d] Psa 33:11; Mal 3:6; Heb 1:12; Heb 6:17-18; Heb 13:8; Jas 1:17

[e] Exo 3:14; Psa 115:2-3; 1 Tim 1:17; 1 Tim 6:15-16

[f] Psa 104:24; Rom 11:33-34; Heb 4:13; 1 John 3:20

[g] Gen 17:1; Psa 62:11; Jer 32:17; Mat 19:26; Rev 1:8

[h] Heb 1:13; 1 Pet 1:15-16; 1 John 3:3; 1 John 3:5; Rev 15:4

[i] Gen 18:25; Exo 34:6-7; Deu 32:4; Psa 96:13; Rom 3:5; Rom 3:26

[j] Psa 103:5; Psa 107:8; Mat 19:17; Rom 2:4

[k] Exo 34:6; Deu 32:4; Psa 86:15 vs Psa 117:2; Heb 6:18

# **SUNDAY**

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150 Isaiah 5:1-7 2 Peter 3:11-18 Luke 7:28-35 Evening Psalter – 114, 115

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25 Isaiah 5:8-12, 18-23 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Luke 21:20-28 Evening Psalter – 9, 15

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 26, 28 Isaiah 5:13-17, 24-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 Luke 21:29-38 Evening Psalter – 36, 39

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38 Isaiah 6:1-13 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 John 7:53—8:11 Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17 Isaiah 7:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 22:1-13 Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

# FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 31 Isaiah 7:10-25 2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5 Luke 22:14-30 Evening Psalter – 35

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32 Isaiah 8:1-15 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 Luke 22:31-38 Evening Psalter – 42, 43

# THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore you to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **SUNDAY**

Morning Psalter – 63, 98 Isaiah 13:1-13 Hebrews 12:18-29 John 3:22-30 Evening Psalter – 103

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52 Isaiah 8:16—9:1 2 Peter 1:1-11 Luke 22:39-53 Evening Psalter – 44

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45 Isaiah 9:1-7 2 Peter 1:12-21 Luke 22:54-69 Evening Psalter – 47, 48

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72 Isaiah 9:8-17 2 Peter 2:1-10a Mark 1:1-8 Evening Psalter – 49, 53

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 50 Isaiah 9:18--10:4 2 Peter 2:10b-16 Matthew 3:1-12 Evening Psalter – 59, 60

# **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 40, 54 Isaiah 10:5-19 2 Peter 2:17-22 Matthew 11:2-15 Evening Psalter – 51

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55 Isaiah 10:20-27 Jude 17-25 Luke 3:1-9 Evening Psalter – 138, 139

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?

**A.** There is only one God, <sup>[a]</sup> the living and true God. <sup>[b]</sup>

[a] Deu 6:4; Isa 44:6; Isa 45:21-22; 1 Cor 8:4-6 [b] Jer 10:10; John 17:3; 1 Thes 1:9; 1 John 5:20

# Q. 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

**A.** There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; [a] and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. [b]

[a] Mat 3:16-17; Mat 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Pet 1:2 [b] Psa 45:6; John 1:1; John 17:5; Acts 5:3-4; Rom 9:5; Col 2:9; Jud 1:24-25

# FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 2024

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come and help us by your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by your grace and mercy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

**A.** The decrees of God are his eternal plan, according to the purpose of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatever comes to pass; [a] yet in such a manner as to be in no way the author of sin.

[a] Psa 33:11; Isa 14:24; Acts 2:23; Eph 1:11-12

#### Q. 8. How does God carry out his decrees?

A. God carries out his decrees in the works of creation and providence.  $^{\left[ a\right] }$ 

[a] Psa 148:8; Isa 40:26; Dan 4:35; Acts 4:24-28; Rev 4:11

# SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29 Isaiah 42:1-12 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 3:16-21 Evening Psalter – 8, 84

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 61, 62 Isaiah 11:1-9 Revelation 20:1-10 John 5:30-47 Evening Psalter – 112, 115

# TUESDAY | Christmas Eve

Morning Psalter – 45, 46 Isaiah 35:1-10 Revelation 22:12-17, 21 Luke 1:67-80 Evening Psalter – 89:1-29

# **WEDNESDAY | Christmas Day**

Morning Psalter – 2, 85 Zechariah 2:10-13 1 John 4:7-16 John 3:31-36 Evening Psalter – 110, 132

**THURSDAY** | 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 116 2 Chronicles 24:17-22 Acts 6:1-7 Acts 7:59—8:8 Evening Psalter – 27, 119:1-24

FRIDAY | 3<sup>rd</sup>day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 34 Proverbs 8:22-30 1 John 5:1-12 John 13:20-35 Evening Psalter – 19, 121

SATURDAY | 4<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 2 Isaiah 49:13-23 Isaiah 54:1-13 Matthew 18:1-14 Evening Psalter – 110, 111

# FIRST WEEK OF CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 29, 2024

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, you wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in him who made himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**SUNDAY** | 5<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 66, 67 Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 1:18-25 Evening Psalter – 145

**MONDAY** | 6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 20, 21 Isaiah 25:1-9 Revelation 1:9-20 John 7:53—8:11 Evening Psalter – 23, 27

**TUESDAY** | 7<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 46, 48 Isaiah 26:1-9 2 Corinthians 5:16—6:2 John 8:12-19 Evening Psalter – 90

**WEDNESDAY** | 8<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 103 Genesis 17:1-16 Colossians 2:6-12 John 16:23b-30 Evening Psalter – 148

**THURSDAY** | 9<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 34 Genesis 12:1-7 Hebrews 11:1-12 John 6:35-42, 48-51 Evening Psalter – 33

FRIDAY | 10<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 68 Genesis 28:10-22 Hebrews 11:13-22 John 10:7-17 Evening Psalter – 72

SATURDAY | 11<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 85, 87 Exodus 3:1-12 Hebrews 11:23-31 John 14:6-14 Evening Psalter – 89:1-29

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

**A.** The work of creation is the making by God of all things from nothing, by his powerful word, <sup>[a]</sup> in the space of six days, and all very good. <sup>[b]</sup>

[a] Gen 1:1; Psa 33:6, 9; Heb 11:3 [b] Gen 1:31

#### Q. 10. How did God create man?

**A.** God created man, male and female, in his own image, <sup>[a]</sup> in knowledge, <sup>[b]</sup> righteousness, and holiness, <sup>[c]</sup> with rule over the creatures. <sup>[d]</sup>

[a] Gen 1:27 [b] Col 3:10 [c] Eph 4:24

[d] Gen 1:28; see Psa 8:1-9

# **SECOND WEEK OF CHRISTMAS, JANUARY 5, 2025**

Almighty God, you have poured into our hearts the true Light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; 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.

# WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

#### Q. 11. What are God's works of providence?

**A.** God's works of providence are his most holy,<sup>[a]</sup> wise,<sup>[b]</sup> and powerful<sup>[c]</sup> preservation<sup>[d]</sup> and control<sup>[e]</sup> of all his creatures, and all their actions.<sup>[f]</sup>

- [a] Psa 145:17
- [b] Psa 104:24 c Heb 1:3
- [d] Neh 9:6
- [e] Eph 1:19-22
- [f] Psa 36:6; Pro 16:33; Mat 10:30

# Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state in which he was creat-

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, on condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil on penalty of death. [a]

[a] Gen 2:16-17; Jas 2:10

**SUNDAY** | 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Morning Psalter – 66, 67 Deuteronomy 33:1-5 1 John 2:12-17 John 6:41-47 Evening Psalter - 145

# MONDAY | Epiphany Day

Morning Psalter – 46, 97 Isaiah 52:7-10 Revelation 21:22-27 Matthew 12:14-21 Evening Psalter – 96, 100

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 103 Isaiah 52:3-6 Revelation 2:1-7 John 2:1-11 Evening Psalter - 114, 115

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 117, 118 Isaiah 59:15-21 Revelation 2:8-17 John 4:46-54 Evening Psalter - 112, 113

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter - 121, 122, 123 Isaiah 63:1-5 Revelation 2:18-29 John 5:1-15 Evening Psalter - 131, 132

#### **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter - 138, 139 Isaiah 65:1-9 Revelation 3:1-6 John 6:1-14 Evening Psalter – 147

#### **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter - 148, 150 Isaiah 65:13-16 Revelation 3:7-13 John 6:15-27 Evening Psalter - 91, 92

# FIRST WEEK AFTER EPIPHANY DAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in his name faithful in their calling as your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**SUNDAY** | The Baptism of Our Lord Morning Psalter – 146, 147 Isaiah 40:1-11 Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34 Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3 Isaiah 40:12-23 Ephesians 1:1-14 Mark 1:1-13 Evening Psalter – 4, 7

# **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 5, 6 Isaiah 40:25-31 Ephesians 1:15-23 Mark 1:14-28 Evening Psalter – 10, 11

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1-24 Isaiah 41:1-16 Ephesians 2:1-10 Mark 1:29-45 Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19 Isaiah 41:17-29 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 2:1-12 Evening Psalter – 18:20-50

# **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 16, 17 Isaiah 42:1-17 Ephesians 3:1-13 Mark 2:13-22 Evening Psalter – 22

# **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 20, 21 Isaiah 43:1-13 Ephesians 3:14-21 Mark 2:23—3:6 Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the state in which they were created?

**A.** Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the state in which they were created by sinning against God. [a]

[a] Gen 3:6-8; Gen 3:13; 2 Cor 11:3

#### Q. 14. What is sin?

**A.** Sin is any failure to measure up to what God requires, or any disobedience to his commands. [a]

[a] Lev 5:17; Jas 4:17; 1 John 3:4

# SECOND WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY, JANUARY 19, 2025

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of your people and grant us your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

# Q. 15. What was the sin by which our first parents fell from the state in which they were created?

**A.** The sin by which our first parents fell from the state in which they were created, was their eating the fruit<sup>[a]</sup> that God had forbidden.

[a] Gen 3:6

# Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first disobedience?

**A.** Since the covenant of life was made with Adam<sup>[a]</sup> for his descendants as well as for himself, all mankind descending from him in the ordinary manner, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression.<sup>[b]</sup>

[a] Gen 2:16-17; Jas 2:10 [b] Rom 5:12-21; 1 Cor 15:22

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150 Isaiah 43:14—44:5 Hebrews 6:17—7:10 John 4:27-42 Evening Psalter – 114, 115

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25 Isaiah 44:6-8, 21-23 Ephesians 4:1-16 Mark 3:7-19 Evening Psalter – 9, 15

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 26, 28 Isaiah 44:9-20 Ephesians 4:17-32 Mark 3:20-35 Evening Psalter – 36, 39

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38 Isaiah 44:24—45:7 Ephesians 5:1-14 Mark 4:1-20 Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17 Isaiah 45:8-17 Ephesians 5:15-33 Mark 4:21-34 Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

#### **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 31 Isaiah 45:18-25 Ephesians 6:1-9 Mark 4:35-41 Evening Psalter – 35

#### **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 30, 32 Isaiah 46:1-13 Ephesians 6:10-24 Mark 5:1-20 Evening Psalter – 42, 43

# THIRD WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY, JANUARY 26, 2025

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **SUNDAY**

Morning Psalter – 63, 98 Isaiah 47:1-15 Hebrews 10:19-31 John 5:2-18 Evening Psalter – 103

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52 Isaiah 48:1-11 Galatians 1:1-17 Mark 5:21-43 Evening Psalter – 44

# TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 45 Isaiah 48:12-22 Galatians 1:18—2:10 Mark 6:1-13 Evening Psalter – 47, 48

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72 Isaiah 49:1-12 Galatians 2:11-21 Mark 6:14-29 Evening Psalter – 49

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 50 Isaiah 49:13-26 Galatians 3:1-14 Mark 6:30-46 Evening Psalter – 118

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54 Isaiah 50:1-11 Galatians 3:15-22 Mark 6:47-56 Evening Psalter – 51

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55 Isaiah 51:1-8 Galatians 3:23-29 Mark 7:1-23 Evening Psalter – 138, 139

#### WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

# Q. 17. Into what state did the fall bring mankind?

**A.** The fall brought mankind into a state of  $\sin$  and misery. [a]

[a] Gen 3:16-19, 23; Rom 3:16; Rom 5:12; Eph 2:1

# Q. 18. What is the sinfulness of that state into which man fell?

**A.** The sinfulness of the state into which man fell includes the guilt of Adam's first sin,<sup>[a]</sup> the lack of the righteousness<sup>[b]</sup> which he had at first, and the corruption of every part of his nature,<sup>[c]</sup> which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual sins which flow from it.<sup>[d]</sup>

- [a] Rom 5:12, 19 [b] Rom 3:10; Col 3:10; Eph 4:24 [c] Psa 51:5; John 3:6; Rom 3:18; Rom 8:7-8; Eph 2:3
- [d] Gen 6:5; Psa 53:1-3; Mat 15:19; Rom 3:10-18, 23; Gal 5:19-21; Jas 1:14-15.

# FOURTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Almighty God, you know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

# Q. 19. What misery did the fall bring upon mankind?

**A.** The fall brought upon mankind loss of communion with God, [a] and his wrath [b] and curse, [c] so that we are justly liable to all miseries in this life, [d] to death [e] itself, and to punishment in hell forever. [f]

[a] Gen 3:8, 24; John 8:34, 42, 44; Eph 2:12; Eph 4:18

[b] John 3:36; Rom 1:18; Eph 2:3; Eph 5:6

[c] Gal 3:10; Rev 22:3

[d] Gen 3:16-19; Job 5:7; Ecc 2:22-23; Rom 8:18-23

[e] Eze 18:4; Rom 5:12; Rom 6:23

[f] Mat 25:41, 46; 2 Thes 1:9; Rev 14:9-11

# Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the state of sin and misery?

**A.** God, solely out of his love and mercy, from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, [a] and entered into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the state of sin and misery, and to bring them into a state of salvation by a Redeemer. [b]

[a] Acts 13:48; Eph 1:4-5; 2 Thes 2:13-14 [b] Gen 3:15; Gen 17:7; Exo 19:5-6; Jer 31:31-34; Mat 20:28; 1 Cor 11:25; Heb 9:15

#### **SUNDAY**

Morning Psalter – 24, 29 Isaiah 51:9-16 Hebrews 11:8-16 John 7:14-31 Evening Psalter – 8, 84

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57 Isaiah 51:17-23 Galatians 4:1-11 Mark 7:24-37 Evening Psalter – 64, 65

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 61, 62 Isaiah 52:1-12 Galatians 4:12-20 Mark 8:1-10 Evening Psalter – 68

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72 Isaiah 54:1-10 Galatians 4:21-31 Mark 8:11-26 Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 71 Isaiah 55:1-13 Galatians 5:1-15 Mark 8:27—9:1 Evening Psalter – 74

# FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 69 Isaiah 56:1-12 Galatians 5:16-24 Mark 9:2-13 Evening Psalter – 73

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76 Isaiah 57:1-13 Galatians 5:25—6:10 Mark 9:14-29 Evening Psalter – 23, 27

# FIFTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

O Lord, keep your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 96 Isaiah 57:14-21 Hebrews 12:1-6 John 7:37-46 Evening Psalter – 34

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80 Isaiah 58:1-14 Galatians 6:11-18 Mark 9:30-41 Evening Psalter – 77

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39 Isaiah 59:1-15a 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Mark 9:42-50 Evening Psalter – 78:40-72

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120 Isaiah 59:15b-21 2 Timothy 1:15—2:13 Mark 10:1-16 Evening Psalter – 81, 82

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 146, 147 Isaiah 60:1-22 2 Timothy 2:14-26 Mark 10:17-31 Evening Psalter – 85, 86

#### **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 88 Isaiah 61:1-9 2 Timothy 3:1-17 Mark 10:32-45 Evening Psalter – 91, 92

#### **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 87, 90 Isaiah 61:10—62:5 2 Timothy 4:1-22 Mark 10:46-52 Evening Psalter – 136

# WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

# Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**A.** The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>[a]</sup> who, being the eternal Son of God<sup>[b]</sup> became man, <sup>[c]</sup> and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person forever. <sup>[d]</sup>

- [a] John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5-6 [b] Psa 2:7; Mat 3:17; Mat 17:5; John 1:18 [c] Isa 9:6; Mat 1:23; John 1:14; Gal 4:4 [d] Acts 1:11; Heb 7:24-25
- Q. 22. How did Christ, the Son of God, become man?

**A.** Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to himself a body and a soul<sup>[a]</sup> like ours, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her,<sup>[b]</sup> yet without sin.<sup>[c]</sup>

[a] Php 2:7; Heb 2:14, 17 [b] Luk 1:27, 31, 35 [c] 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; Heb 7:26; 1 John 3:5

# SIXTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by your goodness to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 23. What offices does Christ fill as our Redeemer?

**A.** Christ as our Redeemer fills the offices of a prophet, [a] of a priest, [b] and of a king, [c] in his states both of humiliation and exaltation.

[a] Deu 18:18; Acts 2:33; Acts 3:22-23; Heb 1:1-2 [b] Heb 4:14-15; Heb 5:5-6 [c] Isa 9:6-7; Luk 1:32-33; John 18:37; 1 Cor 15:25

# Q. 24. How does Christ fill the office of a prophet?

**A.** Christ fills the office of a prophet in revealing to us by his Word<sup>[a]</sup> and Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> the will of God for our complete salvation.<sup>[c]</sup>

[a] Luk 4:18-19, 21; Acts 1:1-2; Heb 2:3 [b] John 15:26-27; Acts 1:8; 1 Pet 1:11 [c] John 4:41-42; John 20:30-31

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67 Isaiah 62:6-12 1 John 2:3-11 John 8:12-19 Evening Psalter – 19, 46

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 89:1-18 Isaiah 63:1-6 1 Timothy 1:1-17 Mark 11:1-11 Evening Psalter – 89:19-52

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 97, 99 Isaiah 63:7-14 1 Timothy 1:18–2:8 Mark 11:12-26 Evening Psalter – 94

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 101, 109 Isaiah 63:15—64:9 1 Timothy 3:1-16 Mark 11:27—12:12 Evening Psalter – 119:121-144

#### THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 105:1-22 Isaiah 65:1-12 1 Timothy 4:1-16 Mark 12:13-27 Evening Psalter – 105:23-45

# FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 102 Isaiah 65:17-25 1 Timothy 5:17-25 Mark 12:28-34 Evening Psalter – 107:1-32

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 107:33-43; 108 Isaiah 66:1-6 1 Timothy 6:6-21 Mark 12:35-44 Evening Psalter – 33

# SEVENTH WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 118 Isaiah 66:7-14 1 John 3:4-10 John 10:7-16 Evening Psalter – 145

# MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 106:1-18 Ruth 1:1-14 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 Matthew 5:1-12 Evening Psalter – 106:19-48

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 121, 122, 123 Ruth 1:15-22 2 Corinthians 1:12-22 Matthew 5:13-20 Evening Psalter – 124, 125, 126

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:145-176 Ruth 2:1-13 2 Corinthians 1:23–2:17 Matthew 5:21-26 Evening Psalter – 128, 129, 130

# THURSDAY

Morning Psalter – 131, 132 Ruth 2:14-23 2 Corinthians 3:1-18 Matthew 5:27-37 Evening Psalter – 134, 135

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 140, 142 Ruth 3:1-18 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 Matthew 5:38-48 Evening Psalter – 141, 143

#### **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 137, 144 Ruth 4:1-17 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:10 Matthew 6:1-6 Evening Psalter – 104

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

#### Q. 25. How does Christ fill the office of a priest?

**A.** Christ fills the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself to God as a sacrifice, to satisfy divine justice<sup>[a]</sup> and reconcile us to God;<sup>[b]</sup> and in making constant intercession for us.<sup>[c]</sup>

[a] Isa 53:1-12; Acts 8:32-35; Heb 9:26-28; Heb 10:12 [b] Rom 5:10-11; 2 Cor 5:18; Col 1:21-22 [c] Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; Heb 9:24

#### Q. 26. How does Christ fill the office of a king?

**A.** Christ fills the office of a king in making us his willing subjects, in ruling and defending us, [a] and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

[a] Psa 110:3; Mat 28:18-20; John 17:2; Col 1:13 [b] Psa 2:6-9; Psa 110:1-2; Mat 12:28; 1 Cor 15:24-26; Col 2:15

# LAST WEEK AFTER THE EPIPHANY, MARCH 2, 2025

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your beloved Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in his glory, and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 27. In what did Christ's humiliation consist?

**A.** Christ's humiliation consisted in being born, and that in a poor circumstance;  $^{[a]}$  in being subject to God's law;  $^{[b]}$  in undergoing the miseries of this life,  $^{[c]}$  the wrath of  $\mathrm{God}^{[d]}$  and the curse of death on the cross;  $^{[e]}$  in being buried; and in continuing under the power of death for a time.  $^{[f]}$ 

[a] Luk 2:7; 2 Cor 8:9; Gal 4:4

[b] Gal 4:4

[c] Isa 53:3; Luk 9:58; John 4:6; John 11:35; Heb 2:18

[d] Psa 22:1 (Mat 27:46); Isa 53:10; 1 John 2:2

[e] Gal 3:13; Php 2:8

[f] Mat 12:40; 1 Cor 15:3-4

#### Q. 28. In what does Christ's exaltation consist?

**A.** Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day;<sup>[a]</sup> in ascending into heaven;<sup>[b]</sup> in sitting at the right hand<sup>[c]</sup> of God the Father; and in coming to judge the world at the last day.<sup>[d]</sup>

[a] 1 Cor 15:4

[b] Psa 68:18; Acts 1:11; Eph 4:8

[c] Psa 110:1; Acts 2:33-34; Heb 1:3

[d] Mat 16:27; Acts 17:31

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Hebrews 12:18-29 John 12:24-32 Evening Psalter – 114, 115

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25 Deuteronomy 6:10-15 Hebrews 1:1-14 John 1:1-18 Evening Psalter – 9, 15

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 26, 28 Deuteronomy 6:16-25 Hebrews 2:1-10 John 1:19-28 Evening Psalter – 36, 39

# **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 32, 143 Jonah 3:1—4:11 Hebrews 12:1-14 Luke 18:9-14 Evening Psalter – 102, 130

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 37:1-17 Deuteronomy 7:1-11 Titus 1:1-16 John 1:29-34 Evening Psalter – 37:18-40

#### **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 31 Deuteronomy 7:12-16 Titus 2:1-15 John 1:35-42 Evening Psalter – 35

#### **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 30, 32 Deuteronomy 7:17-26 Titus 3:1-15 John 1:43-51 Evening Psalter – 42, 43

# FIRST WEEK OF LENT, MARCH 9, 2025

O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 1 Corinthians 1:17-31 Mark 2:18-22 Evening Psalter – 103

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52 Deuteronomy 8:1-20 Hebrews 2:11-18 John 2:1-12 Evening Psalter – 44

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 45 Deuteronomy 9:1-12 Hebrews 3:1-11 John 2:13-22 Evening Psalter – 47, 48

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72 Deuteronomy 9:13-21 Hebrews 3:12-19 John 2:23—3:15 Evening Psalter – 49

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 50 Deuteronomy 9:22—10:5 Hebrews 4:1-10 John 3:16-21 Evening Psalter – 19, 46

#### FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 40, 54 Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Hebrews 4:11-16 John 3:22-36 Evening Psalter – 51

# **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 55 Deuteronomy 11:18-28 Hebrews 5:1-10 John 4:1-26 Evening Psalter – 138, 139

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 29. How are we made to share in the redemption purchased by Christ?

**A.** We are made to share in the redemption purchased by Christ by the effective application of it to us by his Holy Spirit. [a]

[a] Tit 3:4-7

# Q. 30. How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

**A.** The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by producing faith in us, <sup>[a]</sup> and by this uniting us to Christ in our effective calling. <sup>[b]</sup>

[a] Rom 10:17; 1 Cor 2:12-16; Eph 2:8; Php 1:29 [b] John 15:5; 1 Cor 1:9; Eph 3:17

# **SECOND WEEK OF LENT, MARCH 16, 2025**

O God, you see that of ourselves we have no strength. By your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

# Q. 31. What is effective calling?

**A.** Effective calling is the work of God's Spirit, by which he convinces us of our sin and misery, enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, [a] and renews our wills, [b] and so persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, [c] freely offered to us in the gospel. [d]

[a] Acts 26:18; 1 Cor 2:10, 12; 2 Cor 4:6; Eph 1:17-18

[b] Deu 30:6; Eze 36:26-27; John 3:5; Tit 3:5

[c] John 6:44-45; Acts 16:14

[d] Isa 45:22; Mat 11:28-30; Rev 22:17

# Q. 32. What benefits in this life are shared by those who are effectively called?

**A.** In this life those who are effectively called share in justification, adoption and sanctification, and the further benefits in this life which accompany or flow from them. [a]

[a] Rom 8:30; 1 Cor 1:30; 1 Cor 6:11; Eph 1:5

# SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29 Jeremiah 1:1-10 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 Mark 3:31—4:9 Evening Psalter – 8, 84

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57 Jeremiah 1:11-19 Romans 1:1-15 John 4:27-42 Evening Psalter – 64, 65

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 61, 62 Jeremiah 2:1-13 Romans 1:16-25 John 4:43-54 Evening Psalter – 68

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72 Jeremiah 3:6-18 Romans 1:26—2:11 John 5:1-18 Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 71 Jeremiah 4:9-10, 19-28 Romans 2:12-24 John 5:19-29 Evening Psalter – 74

# **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 69 Jeremiah 5:1-9 Romans 2:25—3:18 John 5:30-47 Evening Psalter – 73

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76 Jeremiah 5:20-31 Romans 3:19-31 John 7:1-13 Evening Psalter – 23, 27

# THIRD WEEK OF LENT, MARCH 23, 2025

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 96 Jeremiah 6:9-15 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Mark 5:1-20 Evening Psalter – 34

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80 Jeremiah 7:1-15 Romans 4:1-12 John 7:14-36 Evening Psalter – 77

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39 Jeremiah 7:21-34 Romans 4:13-25 John 7:37-52 Evening Psalter – 78:40-72

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120 Jeremiah 8:18—9:6 Romans 5:1-11 John 8:12-20 Evening Psalter – 81, 82

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 42, 43 Jeremiah 10:11-25 Romans 5:12-21 John 8:21-32 Evening Psalter – 85, 86

#### **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 88 Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-20 Romans 6:1-11 John 8:33-47 Evening Psalter – 91, 92

# **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 87, 90 Jeremiah 13:1-11 Romans 6:12-23 John 8:47-59 Evening Psalter – 136

# WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

#### Q. 33. What is justification?

**A.** Justification is an act of God's free grace<sup>[a]</sup> in which he pardons all our sins<sup>[b]</sup> and accepts us as righteous in his sight<sup>[c]</sup> for the sake of the righteousness of Christ alone, which is credited to us<sup>[d]</sup> and received by faith alone.<sup>[e]</sup>

[a] Rom 3:24 [b] Rom 4:6-8; 2 Cor 5:19 [c] 2 Cor 5:21 [d] Rom 4:6, 11; Rom 5:19 [e] Gal 2:16; Php 3:9

# Q. 34. What is adoption?

**A.** Adoption is an act of God's free grace<sup>[a]</sup> by which we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.<sup>[b]</sup>

[a] 1 John 3:1 [b] John 1:12; Rom 8:17

# FOURTH WEEK OF LENT, MARCH 30, 2025

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning, and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 35. What is sanctification?

**A.** Sanctification is the work of God's free grace<sup>[a]</sup> by which we are renewed throughout in the image of God<sup>[b]</sup> and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.<sup>[c]</sup>

[a] Eze 36:27; Php 2:13; 2 Thes 2:13 [b] 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 4:23-24; 1 Thes 5:23

[c] Eze 36:25-27; Rom 6:4, 6, 12-14; 2 Cor 7:1; 1 Pet 2:24

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 66, 67 Jeremiah 14:1-22 Galatians 4:21—5:1 Mark 8:11-21 Evening Psalter – 19, 46

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 89:1-18 Jeremiah 16:10-21 Romans 7:1-12 John 6:1-15 Evening Psalter – 89:19-52

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 97, 99 Jeremiah 17:19-27 Romans 7:13-25 John 6:16-27 Evening Psalter – 94

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 101, 109 Jeremiah 18:1-11 Romans 8:1-11 John 6:27-40 Evening Psalter – 119:121-144

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 69 Jeremiah 22:13-23 Romans 8:12-27 John 6:41-51 Evening Psalter – 73

#### **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 102 Jeremiah 23:1-8 Romans 8:28-39 John 6:52-59 Evening Psalter – 107:1-32

#### **SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 107:33-43; 108 Jeremiah 23:9-15 Romans 9:1-18 John 6:60-71 Evening Psalter – 33

# FIFTH WEEK OF LENT, APRIL 6, 2025

Almighty God, by your great goodness mercifully look upon your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **SUNDAY**

Morning Psalter – 118 Jeremiah 23:16-32 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Mark 8:31—9:1 Evening Psalter – 145

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 31 Jeremiah 24:1-10 Romans 9:19-33 John 9:1-17 Evening Psalter - 35

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter - 121, 122, 123 Jeremiah 25:8-17 Romans 10:1-13 John 9:18-41 Evening Psalter - 124, 125, 126

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter - 119:145-176 Jeremiah 25:30-38 Romans 10:14-21 John 10:1-18 Evening Psalter – 128, 129, 130

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter - 131, 132 Jeremiah 26:1-16 Romans 11:1-12 John 10:19-42 Evening Psalter – 140, 142

# **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 22 Jeremiah 29:1-14 Romans 11:13-24 John 11:1-27 Evening Psalter – 141, 143

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 137, 144 Jeremiah 31:27-34 Romans 11:25-36 John 11:28-44 Evening Psalter - 42, 43

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

Q. 36. What benefits in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits in this life which accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, [a] peace of conscience, [b] joy in the Holy Spirit, [c] progress in holiness, [d] and perseverance in it to this life's end. [e]

[a] Rom 5:5 [b] Rom 5:1

[c] Rom 14:17

[d] 2 Pet 3:18

[e] Php 1:6; 1 Pet 1:5

# HOLY WEEK, APRIL 13, 2025

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience and 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.

#### WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

# Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**A.** The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness<sup>[a]</sup> and immediately pass into glory;<sup>[b]</sup> and their bodies, being still united to Christ,<sup>[c]</sup> rest in their graves until the resurrection.<sup>[d]</sup>

[a] Heb 12:23

[b] Luk 23:43; 2 Cor 5:6, 8; Php 1:23

[c] 1 Thes 4:14

[d] Dan 12:2; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15

# Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**A.** At the resurrection Christ will immediately raise up in glory all believers, <sup>[a]</sup> he will openly acknowledge and acquit them in the day of judgment, <sup>[b]</sup> graciously rewarding them according to their works of faith, and they will enter into the full enjoyment of God<sup>[c]</sup> for all eternity. <sup>[d]</sup>

[a] 1 Cor 15:42-43

[b] Mat 25:33-34, 46

[c] Rom 8:29; 1 John 3:2

[d] Psa 16:11; 1 Thes 4:17

#### **PASSION / PALM SUNDAY**

Morning Psalter – 24, 29 Zechariah 9:9-12 1 Timothy 6:12-16 Matthew 21:12-17 Evening Psalter – 103

#### **HOLY MONDAY**

Morning Psalter – 51 Jeremiah 12:1-17 Philippians 3:1-11 John 12:9-19 Evening Psalter – 69:1-23

# **HOLY TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 6, 12 Jeremiah 15:10-21 Philippians 3:12—4:1 John 12:20-26 Evening Psalter – 94

# **HOLY WEDNESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 55 Jeremiah 17:5-18 Philippians 4:2-13 John 12:27-36 Evening Psalter – 74

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 102 Jeremiah 20:7-12 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32 John 17:1-26 Evening Psalter – 142, 143

# **GOOD FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 22 Genesis 22:1-14 1 Peter 1:10-21 John 13:36-38 Evening Psalter – 40, 54

# **HOLY SATURDAY**

Morning Psalter – 88 Job 19:21-27a Hebrews 4:1-16 Romans 8:1-11 Evening Psalter – 27

# EASTER WEEK, APRIL 20, 2025

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### EASTER DAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150 Exodus 12:1-14 John 1:1-18 John 20:19-23 Evening Psalter – 118

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 93, 98 Jonah 2:1-9 Acts 2:14, 22-35 John 14:1-14 Evening Psalter – 66

#### TUESDAY

Morning Psalter – 103 Isaiah 30:18-26 Acts 2:36-47 John 14:15-31 Evening Psalter – 111, 114

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 97, 99 Micah 7:7-15 Acts 3:1-10 John 15:1-11 Evening Psalter – 115

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 146, 147 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 3:11-26 John 15:12-27 Evening Psalter – 148, 149

#### **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 136 Daniel 12:1-4, 13 Acts 4:1-12 John 16:1-15 Evening Psalter – 118

#### SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 145 Isaiah 25:1-9 Acts 4:13-31 John 16:16-33 Evening Psalter – 104

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requires of man?

 ${\bf A.}$  The duty which God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.  $^{[a]}$ 

[a] Deu 29:29; Mic 6:8; 1 John 5:2-3

Q. 40. What rule did God at first reveal to man for his obedience?

**A.** The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law. [a]

[a] Rom 2:14-15; Rom 10:5

# **SECOND WEEK OF EASTER, APRIL 27, 2025**

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

#### Q. 41. Where is the moral law set out briefly?

**A.** The moral law is set out briefly in the Ten Commandments. [a]

[a] Deu 4:13; Mat 19:17-19

#### Q. 42. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

**A.** The sum of the Ten Commandments is to love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.<sup>[a]</sup>

[a] Mat 22:37-40

# SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 146, 147 Isaiah 43:8-13 1 Peter 2:1-10 John 14:1-7 Evening Psalter – 111, 112, 113

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 1, 2, 3 Daniel 1:1-21 1 John 1:1-10 John 17:1-11 Evening Psalter – 4, 7

# **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 5, 6 Daniel 2:1-16 1 John 2:1-11 John 17:12-19 Evening Psalter – 10, 11

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:1-24 Daniel 2:17-30 1 John 2:12-17 John 17:20-26 Evening Psalter – 12, 13, 14

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 18:1-19 Daniel 2:31-49 1 John 2:18-29 Luke 3:1-14 Evening Psalter – 18:20-50

# FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 16, 17 Daniel 3:1-18 1 John 3:1-10 Luke 3:15-22 Evening Psalter – 134, 135

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 20, 21 Daniel 3:19-30 1 John 3:11-18 Luke 4:1-13 Evening Psalter – 110, 116, 117

# THIRD WEEK OF EASTER, MAY 4, 2025

O God, through the humiliation of your Son you raised up the fallen world. Grant to your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 148, 149, 150 Daniel 4:1-18 1 Peter 4:7-11 John 21:15-25 Evening Psalter – 114, 115

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 25 Daniel 4:19-27 1 John 3:19—4:6 Luke 4:14-30 Evening Psalter – 9, 15

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 26, 28 Daniel 4:28-37 1 John 4:7-21 Luke 4:31-37 Evening Psalter – 36, 39

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 38 Daniel 5:1-12 1 John 5:1-12 Luke 4:38-44 Evening Psalter – 119:25-48

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 37:1-19 Daniel 5:13-30 1 John 5:13-21 Luke 5:1-11 Evening Psalter – 37:20-40

# **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 105:1-22 Daniel 6:1-15 2 John 1-13 Luke 5:12-26 Evening Psalter – 105:23-45

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 30, 32 Daniel 6:16-28 3 John 1-15 Luke 5:27-39 Evening Psalter – 42, 43

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 43. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?

**A.** The preface to the Ten Commandments is: I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. [a]

[a] Exo 20:2; Deu 5:6

# Q. 44. What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

**A.** The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the LORD and our God and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments. [a]

[a] Luk 1:74-75; 1 Pet 1:14-19

# FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER, MAY 11, 2025

Almighty God, merciful Father, since you have wakened from death the Shepherd of your sheep, grant us your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know him who calls us each by name and follow where he leads; 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.

# WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

# Q. 45. Which is the first commandment?

**A.** The first commandment is: You shall have no other gods before me.<sup>[a]</sup>

[a] Exo 20:3; Deu 5:7

# Q. 46. What is required in the first commandment?

**A.** The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly. [a]

[a] 1 Chr 28:9; Isa 45:20-25; Mat 4:10

# SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 63, 98 Genesis 18:22-33 1 Peter 5:1-11 Matthew 7:15-29 Evening Psalter – 103

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 41, 52 Jeremiah 30:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 6:1-11 Evening Psalter – 44

# **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 45 Jeremiah 30:10-17 Colossians 1:15-23 Luke 6:12-26 Evening Psalter – 47, 48

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:49-72 Jeremiah 30:18-24 Colossians 1:24—2:7 Luke 6:27-38 Evening Psalter – 49

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 50 Jeremiah 31:1-14 Colossians 2:8-23 Luke 6:39-49 Evening Psalter – 114, 115

# **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 40, 54 Jeremiah 31:15-22 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 7:1-17 Evening Psalter – 51

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 55 Jeremiah 31:23-30 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 7:18-35 Evening Psalter – 138, 139

# FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER, MAY 18, 2025

O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what you have commanded and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### SUNDAY

Morning Psalter – 24, 29 Isaiah 32:1-8 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 Matthew 7:7-14 Evening Psalter – 8, 84

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57 Jeremiah 32:1-15 Colossians 3:18—4:18 Luke 7:36-50 Evening Psalter – 64, 65

# **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 61, 62 Jeremiah 32:16-25 Romans 12:1-21 Luke 8:1-15 Evening Psalter – 68

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72 Jeremiah 32:36-44 Romans 13:1-14 Luke 8:16-25 Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 71 Jeremiah 33:1-13 Romans 14:1-12 Luke 8:26-39 Evening Psalter – 74

# **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 106:1-18 Deuteronomy 31:30—32:14 Romans 14:13-23 Luke 8:40-56 Evening Psalter – 106:19-48

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76 Deuteronomy 32:34-43 Romans 15:1-13 Luke 9:1-17 Evening Psalter – 23, 27

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?

**A.** The first commandment forbids the denial of, [a] or failure to worship and glorify, the true God as God<sup>[b]</sup> and our God; [c] and it forbids giving that worship and glory to any other which is due to God alone. [d]

[a] Psa 14:1 [b] Rom 1:20-21 [c] Psa 81:10-11 [d] Eze 8:16-18; Rom 1:25

# Q. 48. What do the words "before me" in the first commandment teach us?

**A.** These words "before me" in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees all things, takes notice of and is much displeased with the sin of having any other God. [a]

[a] Deu 30:17-18; Psa 44:20-21; Eze 8:12

# SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER, MAY 25, 2025

O God, the giver of all that is good, by your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

#### Q. 49. Which is the second commandment?

**A.** The second commandment is: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.<sup>[a]</sup>

[a] Exo 20:4-6; Deu 5:8-10

# Q. 50. What are the duties required in the second commandment?

**A.** The second commandment requires us to receive, observe, and keep pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.<sup>[a]</sup>

[a] Deu 12:32; Mat 28:20

# **SUNDAY**

Morning Psalter – 93, 96 Deuteronomy 15:1-11 1 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Matthew 13:24-35 Evening Psalter – 34

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 80 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 James 1:1-15 Luke 9:18-27 Evening Psalter – 77

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 78:1-39 Deuteronomy 8:11-20 James 1:16-27 Luke 11:1-13 Evening Psalter – 78:40-72

#### WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 119:97-120 Deuteronomy 19:1-10 James 5:13-20 Luke 12:22-31 Evening Psalter – 68

#### THURSDAY | Ascension Day

Morning Psalter – 8, 47 Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28 Hebrews 2:5-18 Matthew 28:16-20 Evening Psalter – 24, 96

# FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 85, 86 Ezekiel 1:28b-3:3 Hebrews 4:14—5:6 Luke 9:28-36 Evening Psalter – 91, 92

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 87, 90 Ezekiel 3:4-17 Hebrews 5:7-14 Luke 9:37-50 Evening Psalter – 136

# LAST WEEK OF EASTER, JUNE 1, 2025

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth, whom you promised from the Father; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **ASCENSION SUNDAY**

Morning Psalter – 66, 67 Ezekiel 3:16-27 Ephesians 2:1-10 Matthew 10:24-42 Evening Psalter – 19, 46

#### MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 89:1-18 Ezekiel 4:1-17 Hebrews 6:1-12 Luke 9:51-62 Evening Psalter – 89:19-52

# **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 97, 99 Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23-27 Hebrews 6:13-20 Luke 10:1-17 Evening Psalter – 94

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 101, 109 Ezekiel 11:14-25 Hebrews 7:1-17 Luke 10:17-24 Evening Psalter – 119:121-144

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 105:1-22 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32 Hebrews 7:18-28 Luke 10:25-37 Evening Psalter – 105:23-45

# **FRIDAY**

Morning Psalter – 102 Ezekiel 34:17-31 Hebrews 8:1-13 Luke 10:38-42 Evening Psalter – 107:1-32

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 107:33-43; 108 Ezekiel 43:1-12 Hebrews 9:1-14 Luke 11:14-23 Evening Psalter – 33

# **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM**

# Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

**A.** The second commandment forbids the worship of God by images, <sup>[a]</sup> or any other way not appointed in his Word. <sup>[b]</sup>

[a] Deu 4:15-19; Rom 1:22-23 [b] Lev 10:1-2; Jer 19:4-5; Col 2:18-23

# Q. 52. What are the reasons attached to the second commandment?

**A.** The reasons attached to the second commandment are God's authority as our lawgiver,<sup>[a]</sup> the fact that we belong to him,<sup>[b]</sup> and the zeal he has for his own worship.<sup>[c]</sup>

[a] Psa 95:2-3, 6-7; Psa 96:9-10 [b] Exo 19:5; Psa 45:11; Isa 54:5 [c] Exo 34:14; 1 Cor 10:22

# FIRST WEEK OF PENTECOST, JUNE 8, 2025

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

# Q. 53. Which is the third commandment?

**A.** The third commandment is: You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. [a] [a]. Exo 20:7; Deu 5:11

#### Q. 54. What is required in the third commandment?

**A.** The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's name, titles,<sup>[a]</sup> attributes,<sup>[b]</sup> ordinances,<sup>[c]</sup> Word,<sup>[d]</sup> and works.<sup>[e]</sup>

[a]. Deu 10:20; Psa 29:2; Mat 6:9

[b]. 1 Chr 29:10-13; Rev 15:3-4

[c]. Acts 2:42; 1 Cor 11:27-28

[d]. Psa 138:2; Rev 22:18-19

[e]. Psa 107:21-22; Rev 4:11

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Morning Psalter – 118 Isaiah 11:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-13 John 14:21-29 Evening Psalter – 145

# MONDAY

Morning Psalter – 56, 57, 58 Deuteronomy 30:1-10 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 Luke 18:31-43 Evening Psalter – 64, 65

#### **TUESDAY**

Morning Psalter – 61, 62 Deuteronomy 30:11-20 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a Luke 19:1-10 Evening Psalter – 68

# WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalter – 72 Deuteronomy 31:30—32:14 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33 Luke 19:11-27 Evening Psalter – 119:73-96

#### **THURSDAY**

Morning Psalter – 70, 71 Song of Solomon 1:1-17 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Luke 19:28-40 Evening Psalter – 74

# FRIDAY

Morning Psalter – 69 Song of Solomon 2:1-17 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 Luke 19:41-48 Evening Psalter – 73

# SATURDAY

Morning Psalter – 75, 76 Song of Solomon 5:10-16; 7:1-9; 8:1-7 2 Corinthians 13:1-14 Luke 20:1-8 Evening Psalter – 23, 27



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